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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### For Everyone

THE happy fact about Christmas in Hongkong's cosmopolitan community is that it is not by any means the preserve of the designated few. It is admittedly one of the two chief festivals in the Church calendar. But to thousands of others it is a cheerful holiday season with many Western traditions and customs mixed in. The giving of presents, the sending of cards, turkey and plum pudding dinners, even the singing of carols have a far wider appeal. Christmas is really everyone's holiday.

Happily, too, it is a time of out-going tenderness and concern for those less fortunate than ourselves. That too is traditional dating probably from the conversion of Scrooge. Strangers and lonely friends are invited to partake in family festivities. Many poor children learn for the first time the happy anguish of indignation. Charities benefit hugely—or slightly—but Christmas is everyone's season.

THE close of 1956 finds the world badly in need of peace and goodwill. Events in Hungary come to mind, but in Hongkong one does not have to go far to find human ruin. Squatters, beggars, street sleepers, cripples, destitute children, refugees, lepers, fire victims—these are thousands of reasons why good Christmas men should not rejoice, not even in counting their own blessings, unless it is done creatively to produce a communally Happy Christmas. Christmas is also everyone's opportunity.

The large number of parties for poor children shows there is no lack of good intentions. It would be churlish and cynically disheartened to add that these disheveled demonstrations of goodwill emerge only once a year, because Hongkong has a good record for charity by any standards. But much more can be done and Christmas provides the cue. Christmas can be everyone's business.

To Christians, tomorrow is the birth of Christ. The operative and adaptable word is "birth". At this time of year, the spirit of the season softens the hardest heart; a mood or feeling of well-being in giving is born that is worth seizing, preserving, cultivating and applying. Hongkong offers infinite possibilities for creative goodwill of the perennial variety—which is really no more than the Christmas spirit all the year round.

### No China Mail For Two Days

There will be no publication of the China Mail tomorrow (Christmas Day) or on Wednesday (Boxing Day). The China Mail will reappear on Thursday and will be on the streets by noon.

The South China Morning Post will appear as usual tomorrow, but will then cease publication until Friday.

### Commandos Blow Up Clinic

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 23.

Arab fedayeen commandos blew up a village clinic at Yokneam, 20 miles southeast of Haifa, before dawn today, an Israeli military spokesman announced tonight.

The clinic was blown up by a bomb, the spokesman said. There were no casualties, but footprints were found leading toward the Jordanian border.

Further attacks by infiltrators from Jordan were reported later in the day.

A water reservoir in Northern Israel was blown up, causing slight damage. Again police found tracks leading to the Jordanian border.

**TWO SHOT DEAD**  
Two infiltrators from Gaza were reported shot dead on Saturday when they attempted to flee from a storehouse at a settlement near the Gaza strip. They were shot by a visiting Member of Parliament, and papers found on them identified them as Arabs from Gaza.

A military unit at Acre today sentenced a man, caught trying to slip across the border in a car, to nine years' gaol.

The Court found the man, a 30-year-old, guilty of offering his services to the Israeli Army while secretly in the pay of another country—Unit 4 Press.

**COLD MORNING**  
Hongkong experienced this morning one of the coldest days of the season.

The Royal Observatory reported that a minimum temperature of 49.3 degrees F. was reached. It grew warmer gradually and at 10 a.m., the temperature was 52.0.

Korachi, Dec. 21.  
Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai will move toward the release of 10 American airmen in a further bid to improve Sino-American relations and with an eye to getting American support of Communist China's bid for a seat in the United Nations, reliable sources said today.—United Press.

## Coal Shortage Shuts Down Factories PEASANTS FORCED TO LIVE ON LIVESTOCK

Budapest, Dec. 23.

Scores of thousands of Hungarian workers were thrown idle today when many major industrial plants all over the country stopped production because they were short of coal, usually reliable sources here said.

Only a skeleton staff of maintenance men and stock-takers remained on duty.

Unemployed workers will receive only half pay during the stoppage which is expected to last until January 2, the source said.

Only 4,000 workers were on duty at the giant Csepel iron and steel combine on the outskirts of Budapest which comprises 18 individual plants employing about 31,000.

Up to the shutdown which began on government orders about two-thirds of the total work force had returned to duty following the end of the six-week, nationwide general strike crippling industry since the Hungarian uprising of October 23.

A Hungarian minister of state, Mr. Georgey Harosan, was quoted by a provincial newspaper Dunanapló Naplo last week as saying that unless coal production increased, 70 per cent of the country's industry would come to a standstill and between 600,000 and 700,000 workers would be out of work.

Although today was Sunday it was regarded as a normal day in industry on government instructions. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be official holidays, however, when idle workers will draw full pay.

The stoppage and wages cut meant additional hardship for workers on the eve of a Christmas already darkened by uncertainty about the future.

Heavy snow blanketed the country today bringing threats of stoppages and delays in road and rail transport services to add to the difficulties of getting coal to the factories.

Hungarian press reports said today that 700,000 tons of coal were exported from the Soviet Union by the end of March to ease the country's critical fuel shortage. Negotiations were going on for more coal from other East European Communist countries and the West.

These reports said shortage of manpower and damage to pits during the strike were the major obstacles to greater coal output.

Hungary's normal daily coal needs are officially estimated at about 75,000 tons. More than half the country's former 85,000 miners have left the pits and between 20,000 and 25,000 recruits are urgently needed, according to the reports.

Refugees who crossed into Austria last night from Hungary reported today that the workers' councils no longer exist in Hungary.

All of the members of the councils have been arrested and either shot or deported without trial, it was said. The refugees also reported that the government was only paid if they showed up for work, the refugees said.

Economic conditions were said to be bad throughout the country. Not only were the workers having difficulties, but the peasants were being forced to kill livestock because of the lack of food. The meat had to be consumed on the spot because of the lack of means of transport, the refugees reported.

The refugees also expressed doubt that the Soviet Union was sending food to Hungary. They maintained that a large part of the food sent by Western countries had fallen into the hands of the Hungarian and Soviet authorities. It was announced in Vienna today that the total number of Hungarians who have sought refuge in Austria since the October insurrection has reached 148,622. Of this number, 74,831 have already been sent to other countries.

**Government's Food Warning**  
A Hungarian Government statement said today that, if the supply of food in Hungary now was satisfactory, "it cannot be promised that it will be always so."

The statement indicated that there were transport difficulties. The abundance of meat and fowl in Budapest markets was explained by the necessity of

peasants to kill their livestock because of the lack of food. The statement also said that the Soviet Union has supplied Hungary with 5,000 wagons of wheat and will supply 25,000 by the end of May.

It was "ridiculous" that the "erroneous theories of the preceding regime" could cause Budapest to be "the sole capital of central Europe deprived of

such tropical produce as tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate, oranges, lemons etc." the statement said, promising that measures would be taken to secure supplies of these goods.

The statement also indicated that cigarettes would be imported from Yugoslavia, because Hungarians do not like the taste of the Bulgarian cigarettes recently imported.

**Demand For Union Leaders**  
Representatives of the Free Hungarian Union of textile workers have demanded that democratic, secret and free elections be held for the selection of union leaders, radio Budapest reported tonight.

The textile workers' union also called for the independence of trades unions from the government and the party, close and fraternal collaboration between the workers' councils and the union, and an independent union newspaper, Radio Budapest said.

The union representatives charged that "under the regime of former Hungarian Premier, Matyas Rakosi, and former Communist Party First Secretary, Bela Geroc, Hungarian workers were exploited in a shameful manner."

The union representatives said that textile workers in Czechoslovakia received the same pay while only producing one-third as much as Hungarian textile workers.

"We demand the immediate liquidation of the system of exploitation and the disappearance of the factory committees which carried out the Rakosi-Geroc policy," the union representatives added. Radio Budapest reported.

Hungarian students are demanding that the Hungarian Government release the Soviet Legation in Moscow, the Soviet Government has said, withdrawing of Soviet troops from Hungary.

## SWISS UNCOVER COMMUNIST SPY RING

Berne, Dec. 23.

Swiss Federal Police announced today they have uncovered a second Communist Hungarian espionage ring operating in Switzerland and have arrested three of its members.

"Existence of this second ring," Dr. A. Amstein of the Federal Prosecutors Office said, "was discovered by Federal Police during the investigation of the ring organized by former Hungarian Legation Secretary Matel Vegh."

Operations of the ring organized by Vegh were directed against Switzerland and Italy, police charged last week. They said it recruited its members by blackmail and attempted to collect military, political and economic information.

Two women agents of this ring were arrested, one of them, a Hungarian-born Swiss, will face trial in Neuchâtel, while the other, an Italian national, who acted as a courier, has been expelled from Switzerland.

"The second ring," Amstein said, "had been organized by Mr. Vegh's predecessor, Hungarian Legation attaché Emerik Pech."

He identified two of the three men who have been arrested, as "Dr. Viktor Schivoff, a trade union employee, and Hans Zogg, distribution manager for the publications of the Swiss Labour Party (Communists)."

**A Go-between**  
"Both were arrested in Zurich last week," he said, "and have since been released from custody after documents found in their possession were confiscated."

"Hans Zogg," he said, "had acted as go-between between Pech and Schivoff and had also been requested by a functionary of the Russian Legation to procure pictures of new uniforms for Swiss police."

Amstein declined to identify the third man "as we are still investigating his case for links to other members of the ring."

Formal charges against Schivoff, he said, "will be filed as soon as investigations are completed."

**An Old Affair**

The reference by Amstein to "Soviet Legation" indicates it is an old affair. The Soviet Legation in Berne was elevated to the rank of an Embassy early this year.

Schivoff, an employee of the Secretariat of the Association of Public Employees, was accused of pro-Communist leanings in a lengthy article published recently in the leading Swiss daily "Neue Zürcher Zeitung."

This is the fourth major Communist espionage ring uncovered in Switzerland during the past years. In 1954, three members of the Czechoslovak Legation were declared "persons non grata" for attempting to collect military information, while earlier, a Rumanian trade delegate was charged with economic espionage.

Disagreement on the official status of this man resulted in Rumania withdrawing its Minister to Switzerland and leaving a Charge d'Affaires in charge of the Rumanian Legation in Berne.—United Press.

**Landslide Buries Cars**  
Two cars were buried under tons of debris and two of the passengers were injured when a landslide caught a convoy of ten cars travelling up to Chirren Highlands yesterday, Sydney.

The injured were Mrs. T. J. Smith, a teacher, from the Royal Adelaide School, and a 16-year-old girl, Mrs. J. C. Grogan, who was completely buried. A third girl, 14, was wounded, and a fourth, 12, was killed. The bodies of the two killed have been recovered.

**Lights On Again**  
City lights were again shining last night for the first time for six weeks today, following the withdrawal of the Apollo 4 rocket from Port Said, Egypt.

## 6 Convicts Escape: Kidnap Patrolman

Dover, Tennessee, Dec. 23.

Six young, gaolbreakers kidnapped and wounded a Tennessee Highway Patrolman today after robbing a cafe, but were rounded up several hours later by a posse of some 100 officers.

The convicts escaped from a gaol in Georgetown, Texas, on Friday, after beating a gaoler, Clarence, Wade. They drove away in a stolen car.

They were identified as Kenneth Ward, 19, James Long, 20, Karl Lauperschniger, 20, Robert Ricker, 24, Fred Cole, 25, and Bobby Dean Moore, 22. Most of them were being held on burglary charges.

Sheriff Charlie Crocker said the convicts invaded a roadside inn. They were stopped by State Trooper James Billrey, 32, the only patrol officer on duty here, a short while later on the road but off of the convicts' path. A gun and forced Billrey back into his car.

**SHOT IN HAND**

Two of them, piled into the patrol car with Billrey, one in the back seat with the trooper and the other in the driver's seat. The other four convicts followed in the stolen car.

Patrol Sgt. John Hancock said Billrey started to grapple with the convict in the back seat and was shot by the driver through the head. But, he actually got another shot at the trooper; the driver ran the patrol car into the county courthouse.

The convicts then split up into groups of two and fled, leaving Billrey in the car.

Two of them stole another car but were spotted by one of two Army helicopters pressed into the hunt and captured at a roadside. Two others were found huddled in a cave on the banks of the Cumberland River while the third pair was picked up on foot not far from the town.—United Press.

**Elevated To Bench**  
Singapore, Dec. 24.  
Mr. Murray, British Australian-born Solicitor-General in Singapore, was today appointed one of the Colony's Puisne Judges.

An official announcement said Queen Elizabeth had approved his appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement earlier this year of Mr. Justice Taylor, an Englishman.—Reuter.

**Terrorist Incident**

Algiers, Dec. 23.  
Four Europeans and a Moslem were injured tonight when a terrorist grenade exploded in an Algiers bar. The terrorist who threw the grenade was pursued by a security force patrol and seriously wounded. The prisoner was rushed to hospital.—France-Press.

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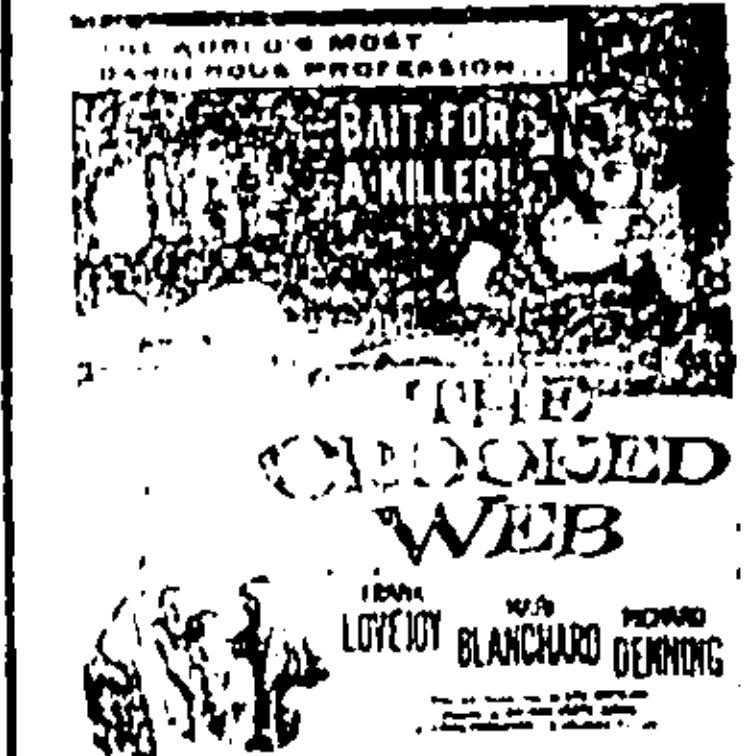
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# NEHRU ON 'THE LESSONS OF HUNGARY'

Ottawa, Dec. 23.

Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, said today he believed that the Hungarian episode had opened the way to greater national freedom in many countries.

Nehru was speaking in a televised interview just before leaving here.

Nehru said the Egyptian and Hungarian tragedies had shown the difficulty of reviving old colonial principles. Hungary has shown that even a great power cannot long impose its will and its methods on a relatively weak country.

The Indian Premier added that India wanted to aid Hungary in conformity with the wishes of its population.

## INCONCEIVABLE

Turning to the international situation in general, Nehru said the world has reached the stage where limited conflicts which could lead to a general war, were inconceivable.

Once this principle was accepted, the cold war became illogical, Nehru said.

During his televised interview, Nehru said: "I have no doubt that the Hungarian episode has shown the way to greater national freedom of many countries."

He said India wanted to help Hungary according to the wish of the people, "without giving up our own principles but also without the technique of the cold war."

## HISTORICAL

The events in Hungary, he went on, are "historical developments towards liberty and have established something of great value."

Answering a question about the events in North Africa, Mr. Nehru deplored the Algerian situation in these terms: "I have long awaited some gesture from France in Algeria where conditions are terrible, certainly no better, and infinitely worse than in Hungary."

Defending India's policy of non-alignment, Mr. Nehru said no sensible person had the slightest fear of major attack against his country. The world had reached a stage where everyone "wanted to discard the idea of a major war or a minor one which could lead to it. This cold war business is illogical once you have decided not to have a war," he added.

About disarmament, the Indian leader stated that the gap between East and West was not very wide and that "the time had come for some courageous step to be taken in the right direction."

## IGNORANCE

Mr. Nehru also reaffirmed his country's desire to help find a solution to the Israel-Arab problem.

"We would like to help as a friend but no solution would be found until the questions of the clearance and the future of the Suez Canal had been settled."

Turning finally to China, Mr. Nehru said there was a great deal of ignorance between that country and the United States.

The detention of American prisoners was too small a matter to come in the way of good relations between China and the United States, whose understanding "would be growing gradually." — France-Press.

# BRITISH PEER IN PEKING

Paris, Dec. 23.

Viscount Stansgate, member of the House of Lords, at present visiting Communist China, said today at a reception given in his honour by Mr. Kuo Mo Jo, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Peoples Congress, in Peking, there were two opposing forces in the world, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

One was the force of evil, he said, scheming to split China and the world, while the other was a good one, advocating solidarity and world peace among all nations.

Many members of the British Parliament upheld solidarity and world peace, and opposed war, Viscount Stansgate said.

He stated that the question of China's representation in the United Nations must be settled. Viscount Stansgate, who visited China 22 years ago, noted the many changes that had taken place in Peking. He said that the new China paid great attention to preserving the cultural relics and spared no effort to improve the living conditions of the working people.

Mr. Kuo Mo Jo expressed his hope in a speech that the visit of the British guests would promote understanding and friendship between the peoples of China and Britain. — France-Press.

# New Portrait Of The Queen



Mr. Llewellyn Peile-Jones, the Canadian artist, and his wife and children inspecting his portrait of the Queen which is now hanging in the Imperial Institute in London. The artist had stood outside Buckingham Palace day after day to catch glimpses of his subject, and would return to his Richmond studio with an impression of an eye, a chin, a nose. — Central Press Photo.

# Burns' Hint On Future Difficulties

United Nations, Dec. 23.  
General Edson Burns, Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt, said today in a Christmas message to his troops that the first stage of the task of maintaining peace in the Middle East has ended with the evacuation of Port Said by the Franco-British forces.

Burns said there might still be difficult moments ahead in carrying out the duties assigned to them.

He said that this beginning encouraged them to believe that the noble aims for which the international force was created might be achieved.

He congratulated his troops on their work and sent them Christmas and New Year greetings, in a message released today at the United Nations headquarters. — France-Press.

# 60 Rebels Killed

Algiers, Dec. 23.  
French security forces operating in various parts of Algeria, killed more than 60 rebels in clashes during the last 24 hours. The largest operation took place in the Constantine Department in the village of Anoual, south of Tébessa, where 47 rebels were killed and one taken prisoner.

In another clash, southwest of Laghouat, in the same region, helicopter-borne troops killed 20 rebels, wounded four and arrested several suspects.

A French reconnaissance patrol surprised a rebel band south of Algiers, in the Constantine Department and killed four rebels.

Several other rebels were killed in other minor engagements. Meanwhile, terrorists continued their activity in Algiers.

Several Europeans were wounded by a rocket attack and a bomb exploded today in the main post office. There were no casualties. The damage was slight. — France-Press.

# FORMER POWs RECEIVE MONEY

London, Dec. 23.  
Money orders have now been sent to the great majority of 58,000 former members of the armed forces and civilians who were in the hands of the Japanese during the war, or their immediate relatives, the Ministry of Pensions stated today.

This represents the final share-out of the Japanese assets due to them under the peace treaty. The amounts are £3-10-0 for ex-members of the forces, and £5-10-0 for civilians. This brings their total share to £76-10-0 and £48-10-0 respectively.

The only payments outstanding are those where special inquiries have to be made, for example, as to the address of the claimants. The distribution was announced by Mr. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, Minister of Pensions and National Insurance to the House of Commons on November 23, and the money was received from the International Committee of the Red Cross shortly afterwards. — France-Press.

# Fast Trawler Delivery

Britain's largest and fastest trawler which has recently been arousing such keen interest in her home port of Hull will bring British housewives fish from the Arctic Circle fresher than they have had it before.

The 832-ton diesel-electric trawler, built in Middlesbrough at a cost of a quarter of a million, will be sent to the Arctic fishing grounds by her owners, Messrs. Hellyer Brothers Limited of Hull, and is expected to return from each trip with between 300 and 350 tons of fresh fish.

While she was tied up at St. Andrews Dock, Hull, extensive preparations were made for her maiden voyage under Skipper Arthur Ashcraft, of Belyodere Road, Hales, who has not concealed his delight with the "wonderful" vessel.

In accordance with the regulations an average of 150 knots per hour will be maintained. The "Tees" is a "fast" trawler.

The vessel's claim that she will deliver fish fresher than any other trawler in the world is based on the fact that she will be powered by a diesel engine which will enable her to maintain a speed of 15 knots per hour, a speed which will enable her to deliver fish fresher than any other trawler in the world.

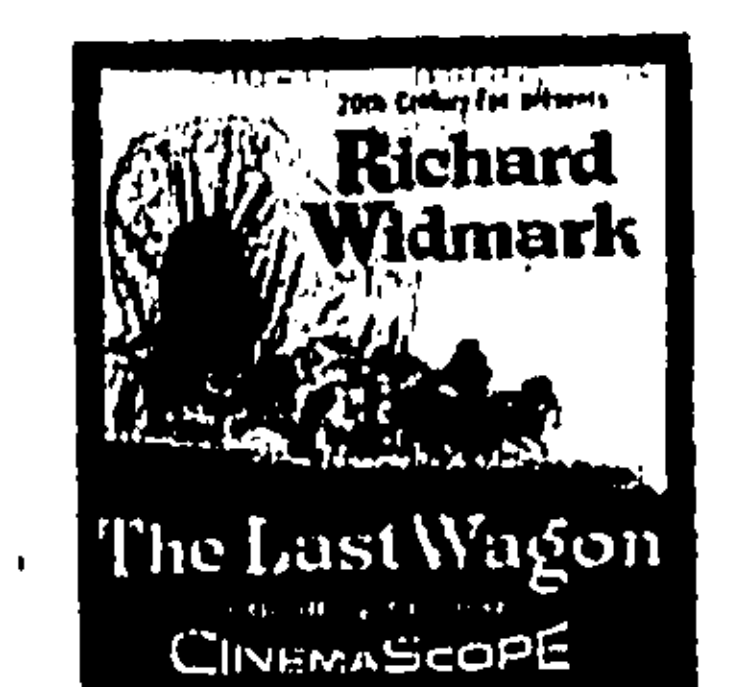
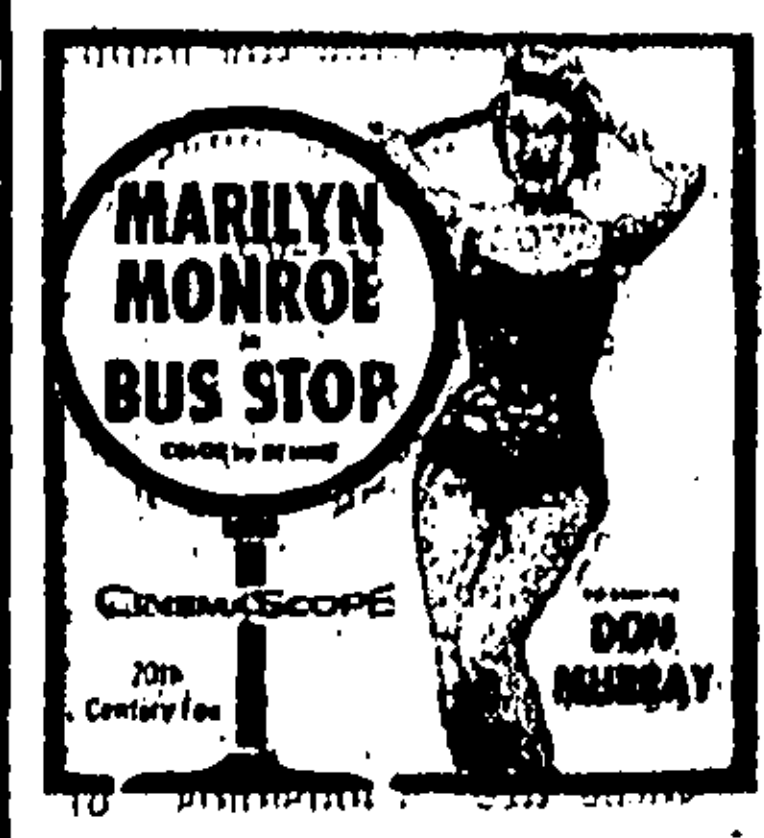
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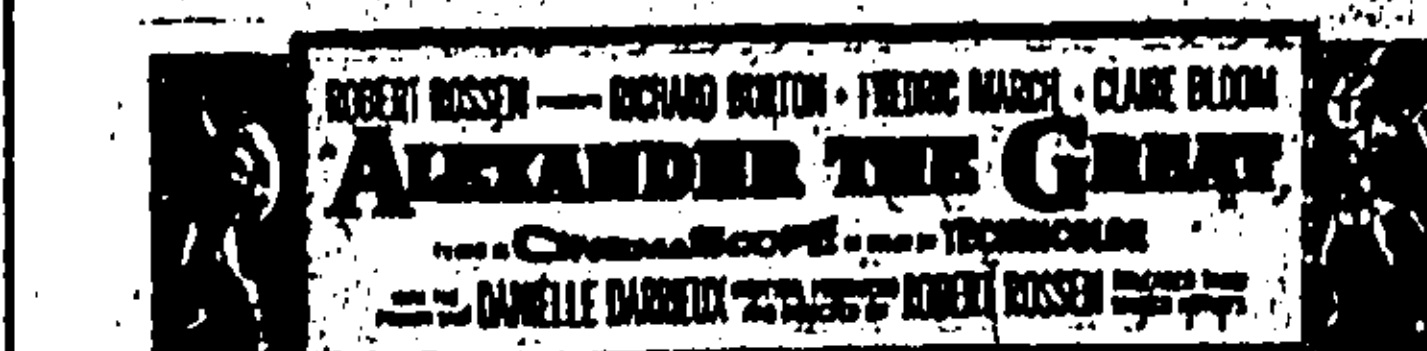
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# All Quiet In Sumatra

## PROVINCE UNDER CONTROL OF ARMY OFFICERS

Djakarta, Dec. 23.

The situation today in the rich Sumatra province of Indonesia, now under the control of a group of dissident Indonesian army officers, was reported to be quiet and normal.

However, Indonesian police in Djakarta feared that the military coup might spread to other regions of the country.

Not a single shot was fired when the provincial administration of North and Central Sumatra were taken over by the army. Technically, Colonel Maluday Simbolon has seized power in both provinces.

He announced yesterday that the first military district broke away from the Central Government and did not recognise any longer the Ali Sastroamidjojo Government in Djakarta.

### Not Yet Clear

On Friday, Lieutenant-Colonel Ahmad Hussein, one of Simbolon's subordinates, had already taken over the administration of Central Sumatra.

It was not yet clear today whether Hussein had recognised Simbolon's ultimate authority. But the Central Government-appointed governor of Central Sumatra and the governor of North Sumatra have expressed their hope that the steps taken by the army officers would bring changes for the better to the 18 million people of the two provinces.

Simbolon has urged President Soekarno and Mohamed Hatta, who resigned as Vice-President earlier this month, to reunite. Simbolon said yesterday: "The reunion of our top leaders would mean the reunion of our people."

Simbolon stressed that he would remain loyal to the Indonesian independence proclamation, to the national red and white flag and to President Soekarno.

The Padang Central Sumatra radio reported tonight that the "military council" had appointed financial experts to control the financial situation of the provinces.

It was indicated that taxes and levies paid by foreign companies in the provinces would no longer be transferred to Djakarta.

The Indonesian Cabinet held a secret meeting today at the residence of Premier Sastroamidjojo. No details of the meeting were disclosed.

Meanwhile, President Soekarno attended a soccer match at Djakarta and saw an Indonesian team beaten five to one by the Yugoslav Olympic XI.

Last night, Soekarno addressed a convention of army veterans. He urged them to unite in a single organization to struggle for a prosperous country and social justice.

### Necessary Step

Addressing Christian students at Sukadana, West Java, former Vice-President Hatta said the Indonesian "national revolution" was failed because it was not followed by a sound economic programme to achieve prosperity.

He urged the formation of a presidential cabinet. Autonomy should be granted to the various regions of the country as a necessary step to overcome the present situation, Hatta said. —France-Press.

## Plane Crash Survivor Had Broken Ankle

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 24. Driver Thomas Lee, only survivor of the Bristol Freighter crash in Central Malaya on December 10, walked for 12 days to his rescue with a broken right ankle, army sources said here last night.

Doctors who gave Lee a further medical examination at the British military hospital in Kluang, near Kuala Lumpur, found he had a broken ankle and both his hands were burnt.

A Royal Air Force court of enquiry questioned driver Lee yesterday on the Bristol Freighter crash.

It is understood that Lee was sitting in the back of the plane when it crashed.

The next thing he knew was finding himself under a tree.

Driver Lee this evening sent a telegram to his mother in Atherton, Lancashire, wishing her a merry Christmas. —China Mail Special.

## Cameroons Election

Yaounde, French Cameroons, Dec. 23.

Voters used slips marked with a bell, lamp, spider and other symbols to indicate their choice of candidate when they went to the polls today to elect a new territorial assembly.

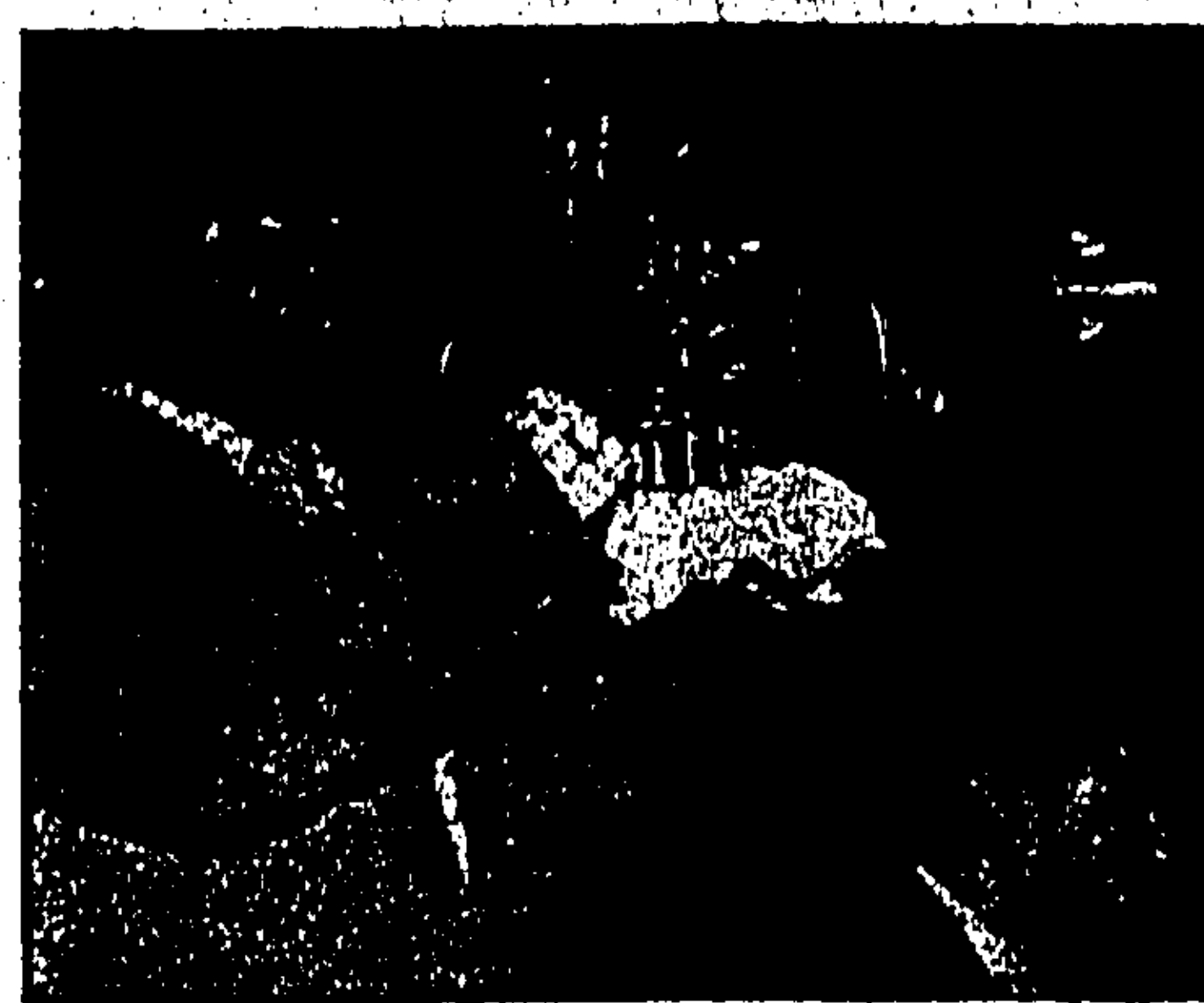
There are 392 candidates standing for the 70 assembly seats and 1,752,000 African and European voters have been registered.

First results of the election will be known tomorrow and early indications are that there may be a record poll.

The vital task of the new assembly will be to discuss a new status for this French Trust Territory as proposed by the French Government.

The new status is expected to give the Cameroons a form of autonomy within the French Union. After being debated and possibly amended by the Territorial Assembly, the status proposal will go to the French National Assembly for ratification. —China Mail Special.

## SATCHEMO HITS NOTE



Upraised eyes and lifted fingers as American jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong reaches a note at the Royal Festival Hall, London. He was playing in a concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in aid of the Lord Mayor's Hungarian Relief Fund. Satchemo—short for Satchel-mouth—also sang. —Reutersphoto.

# Ike And Nehru Differ Over Pakistan Aid

Washington, Dec. 23.

Differences of views concerning American military aid to Pakistan were reportedly manifested last week during the talks between the Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, and President Eisenhower.

Authoritative sources in Washington today refused to make any comment on the matter. These sources, however, indicated that chances were slight for an agreement on this point between the American and Indian heads of government.

India, it was pointed out, was not only engaged locally in a conflict with Pakistan over Kashmir, but also, for reasons of international policy, was opposed to the Baghdad pact, to which Pakistan belonged.

### Complete Support

The American Government recently reaffirmed its intention to maintain its complete support for the Baghdad pact member nations.

This decision was explained in particular by the threats recently made against Iraq and Turkey, also members of the pact.

## Canal Pilots Stand By

Cairo, Dec. 23.

The Egyptian authority responsible for the Suez Canal warned its pilots today to stand by to resume duty.

Although the pilots have not worked since the Anglo-French intervention six weeks ago, they have received full basic pay and allowances for November and December.

Fifty villas were set aside for pilots today at Port Tewfik near Suez. —China Mail Special.

## Suicide's Last Wish

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

A dead man's last wish today restored the sight of three old Japanese—a 62-year-old man and two old women.

A spokesman for the Hyogo Prefectural Hospital, Southern Japan, said the dead man, recently confirmed a suicide by a Japanese coroner's court, had stipulated his eyes be used to restore the sight of blind persons.

The spokesman said the suicide's last wish had been observed and healthy portions of the corneas had been transplanted during operations which were performed on December 4.

The spokesman said the three persons cried with joy when the bandages were removed from their eyes today.

The spokesman said the operations, performed free of charge under a Hyogo municipal government plan to "restore sight to blind persons", were the "most successful" operations carried out by doctors attached to the hospital. —China Mail Special.

## Gomulka Plans To Oust Stalinists

Warsaw, Dec. 23.

Polish Communist Party chief, Vladislav Gomulka, will wait till after the general elections next month to revamp the party and weed out local salaried bureaucrats and "Stalinist" diehards, informed sources said today.

They based their forecast on the failure of "Liberal" Communists to oust the Steering Committee of the Party's Warsaw branch in a heated three days debate which ended last night.

The Steering Committee, and particularly its Secretary, M. Stanczak, had come under severe fire from party Liberals before the debate, which was highlighted by a nearly three hours speech by Gomulka.

Gomulka thus will follow a "wait and see" policy until a Party Congress can be held next spring with the full weight of public opinion and a new "non-Stalinist" Parliament behind it, the sources said.

Gomulka then intends to replace salaried local officials with non-paid worker representatives who would be elected by secret ballot and would not enjoy any special privileges, the sources added. —France-Press.

## MISSILE CAPABLE OF DESTROYING BOMBER FLEET

Washington, Dec. 23.

The Defence Department said today an atomic-armed anti-aircraft missile capable of knocking out whole fleets of enemy bombers will take its place in the US arsenal in about two years.

The missile is the Army's Nike B, or Nike-Hercules, a more advanced and lethal model of the Nike I missile which is now guarding 19 principal US cities against air attack.

Nike B has been several years in development and is now nearing the operational stage. It is capable of carrying atomic warheads and has range enough to take over the functions of a short range interceptor plane.

Rear Adm. J. H. Sides, Deputy to Defence Department Missile Chief Egor Murphree, said in Chicago on Thursday that Nike B "will soon take its place alongside the Nike I missiles in defence of the continental United States."

### Two Years

Sides said Nike B "will reach out into the short-range interceptor regime" and be capable of "carrying either normal high explosive warheads or warheads with sufficient power to sweep entire close formations of airplanes from the sky."

A Defence Department spokesman was asked how soon "soon" might be in military parlance. After checking with Sides' office, he said "this usually means about two years, more or less."

The spokesman added that Nike B is now in "an advanced state of testing" and that "decisions have been made to put the missile into operational use." —United Press.

## SET FIRE TO FOREST

Tours, Dec. 23.

Armed Durlowanger, 30-year-old anthropologist, was gaoled for five years here for setting fire to a forest to destroy spiders—his pet obsession.

He told the court that while he was interned during the war his German captors made him eat live spiders. Since the war he said his wife had found him one day burning spiders in a kitchen saucepan.

Durlowanger was charged with starting six forest fires but said he had started only one—and that not deliberately. He said he was walking through the forest when he found spiders' webs barring his way.

"I couldn't stand it," Durlowanger said. "I struck several matches to destroy them. I didn't intend to do anything criminal." —China Mail Special.

## IT WAS the night before Christmas when out in the road

Stood the old family bus, having lost its abode.  
For the garage was empty and tidied with care

In hopes Santa might have a new car to spare.  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While thoughts of convertibles danced through their heads;  
The Missy and I dreamed in front of the grate  
Of our next leave at home in a new Ford V-8.  
When out in the drive there arose such a roar  
That I sprang from my chair and rushed straight to the door.  
I threw back the bolt and peeped out in the night,  
And saw, with the moon making everything bright,  
A gift-laden sleigh swooping down from the stars,  
St. Nick at the helm, driving eight shiny cars!  
He swept around corners at breathtaking speeds,  
Calling out to his swift-running powerful steeds:  
"On CONSUL! On, ZEPHYR! On, CUSTOMLINE, too!"  
As down through the Christmas Eve darkness they flew;  
"Now, PERFECT! Now, ANGLIA! POPULAR! — Now!  
Come MAINLINE! Come ZODIAC! Show them all how!"  
They drew nearer swiftly then silently stopped,  
And out of his vehicle Santa Claus hopped.  
He paused not a moment but to his work dashed;  
From trimming the tree to the stockings he flashed.  
While Old Father Christmas was busy inside,  
I gazed at his couriers and longed for a ride.  
They had floated along with such grace and such poise,  
So easily pulling that huge load of toys,  
That I thought on the instant how nice it would be  
To have a new Ford under our Christmas tree.  
When Santa had finished, he sprang to his sleigh,  
Pressed once on the starter and darted away.  
But, thoughtful he circled 'round once, looking back,  
And his gaze travelled down to our old-fashioned hack.  
He had spotted the garage with doors gaping wide,  
And I saw a broad smile that his beard couldn't hide.  
Then as he sped onward, I managed to hear  
His tip for the season, the gift of the year!  
"Try HARPER'S on Thursday  
he called with a grin,  
"They've got the best cars —  
and they'll trade that  
thing in!"  
Then I heard him exclaim as  
he drove out of sight,  
**Merry Christmas**  
to all,  
and to all a good-night!"



## WANTED: LOST GOLD BRICK

Moscow, Dec. 23.

Moscow's Ministry of Finance is trying to find a gold-brick weighing five and a half pounds—and it put a notice in the Moscow evening news asking the unknown owner to give it up to the state.

The Ministry's assayers' department is offering a reward of several hundred roubles for the gold-brick, one of three unearthed from under the floorboards of an old home in the Russian capital two years ago.

The housewife who made the discovery had no idea of their value. She used one to wedge the wheels of her baby's pram in the hallway—and the other to press cabbage for sauerkraut.

The third one she gave away—and this is the one the Finance Ministry is seeking.—China Mail Special.

## New Envoy To Britain

Washington, Dec. 23.

American multi-millionaire John Hay Whitney has been chosen by President Eisenhower to replace Winthrop Alrich as Ambassador to Britain, it was indicated today.

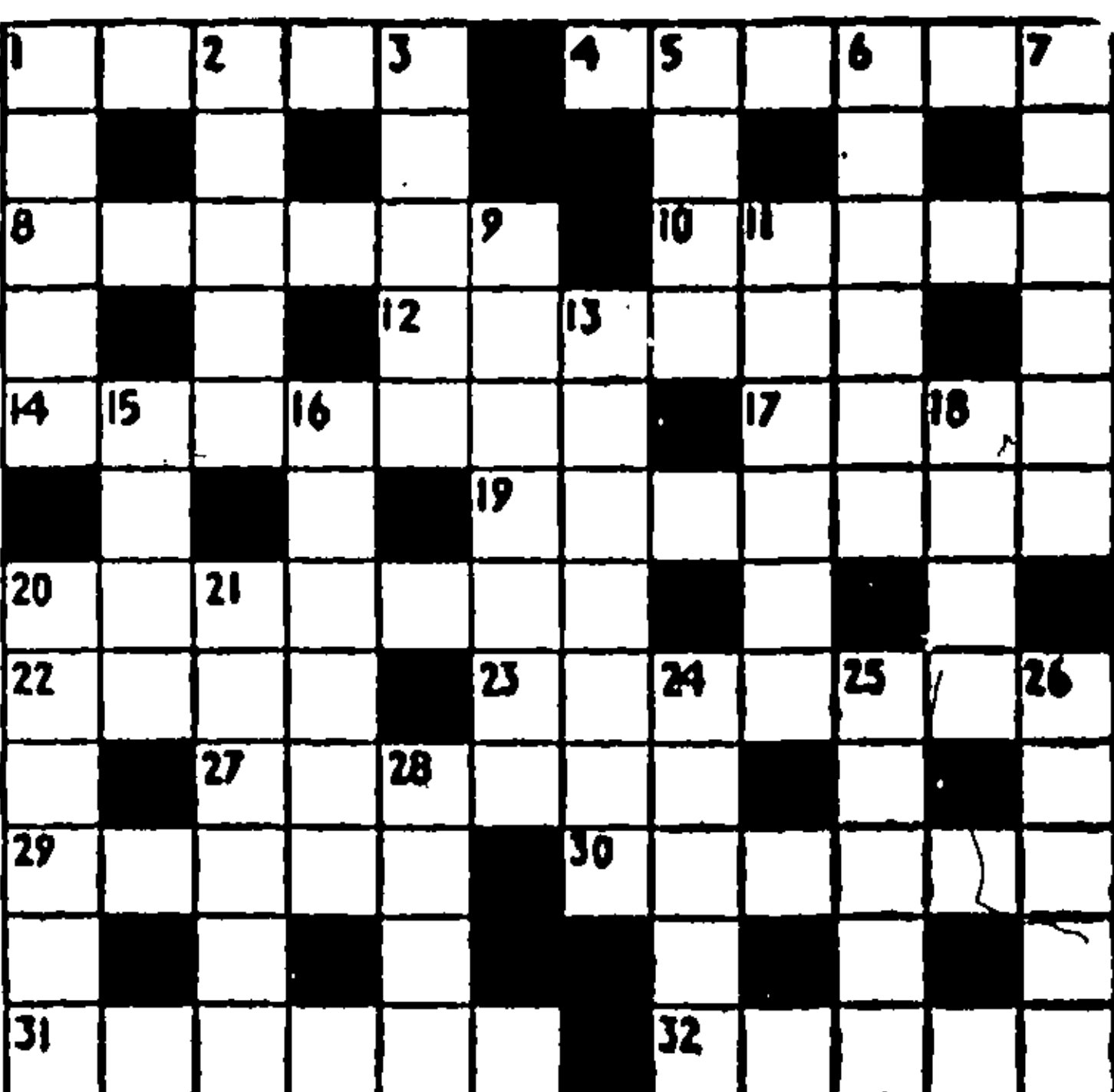
Four sources said that the new Government had replied that it was delighted by Eisenhower's choice.

Aldrich, 71 years old, was reported to be ready to retire. He has been American Ambassador to Britain since 1953.

Today he was named recipient of the 1957 Albert Einstein commemorative award for outstanding achievement in the field of citizenship.

Dr. Samuel Delkin, president of Yeshiva University, said Whitney was cited for his "creative initiative" in education, health, civic welfare and the arts and for his leadership in giving opportunities to talented Americans of all races and creeds. —France-Press & United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



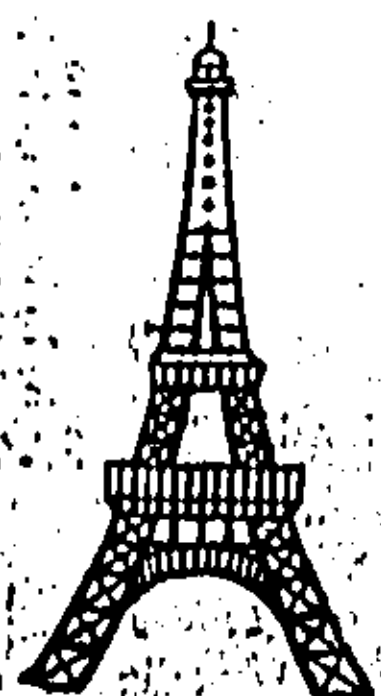
### ACROSS

- 1 Imitating (5).
- 4 Language (6).
- 8 High cleric (6).
- 10 Scottish landowner (5).
- 12 Stop (6).
- 14 Afternoon performance (7).
- 17 Ditto (4).
- 19 Orbs (7).
- 20 Splendid (7).
- 22 Looks at (4).
- 23 Well-bred (7).
- 27 Expunged (6).
- 29 Letting contract (5).
- 30 Fur (6).
- 31 Round round a letter is round (6).
- 32 Follow (5).

### DOWN

- 1 Book for stamps (5).
- 2 Insertion (6).
- 3 Sound of distress (5).
- 5 Look amorously (4).
- 6 Stringed instrument (6).
- 7 Whirlpool (6).
- 9 Foreshadow (7).
- 11 Agree (6).
- 13 Full (7).
- 15 Not at home (4).
- 16 Flowers (6).
- 18 Lake (4).
- 20 Vault (6).
- 21 One who overrates book-learning (6).
- 24 Pluck (6).
- 25 Sends out (5).
- 26 Vassal (5).
- 28 Incline, turning out of a lane (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 3 Ramblers, 8 Load, 9 Resolved, 11 Depleted, 13 Byre, 15 Convicted, 18 Liniment, 19 Team, 21 Organise, 25 Thirteen, 26 Hair, 27 Mongoose. Down: 1 Fled, 2 Damp, 4 Abet, 5 Boos (booze), 6 Envoy, 7 Slide, 9 Rebel, 10 Seven, 12 Elope, 14 Rend, 16 Nitre, 17 Divan, 19 Totem, 20 Allen, 21 Otto, 22 Gears, 23 Eden, 24 East.



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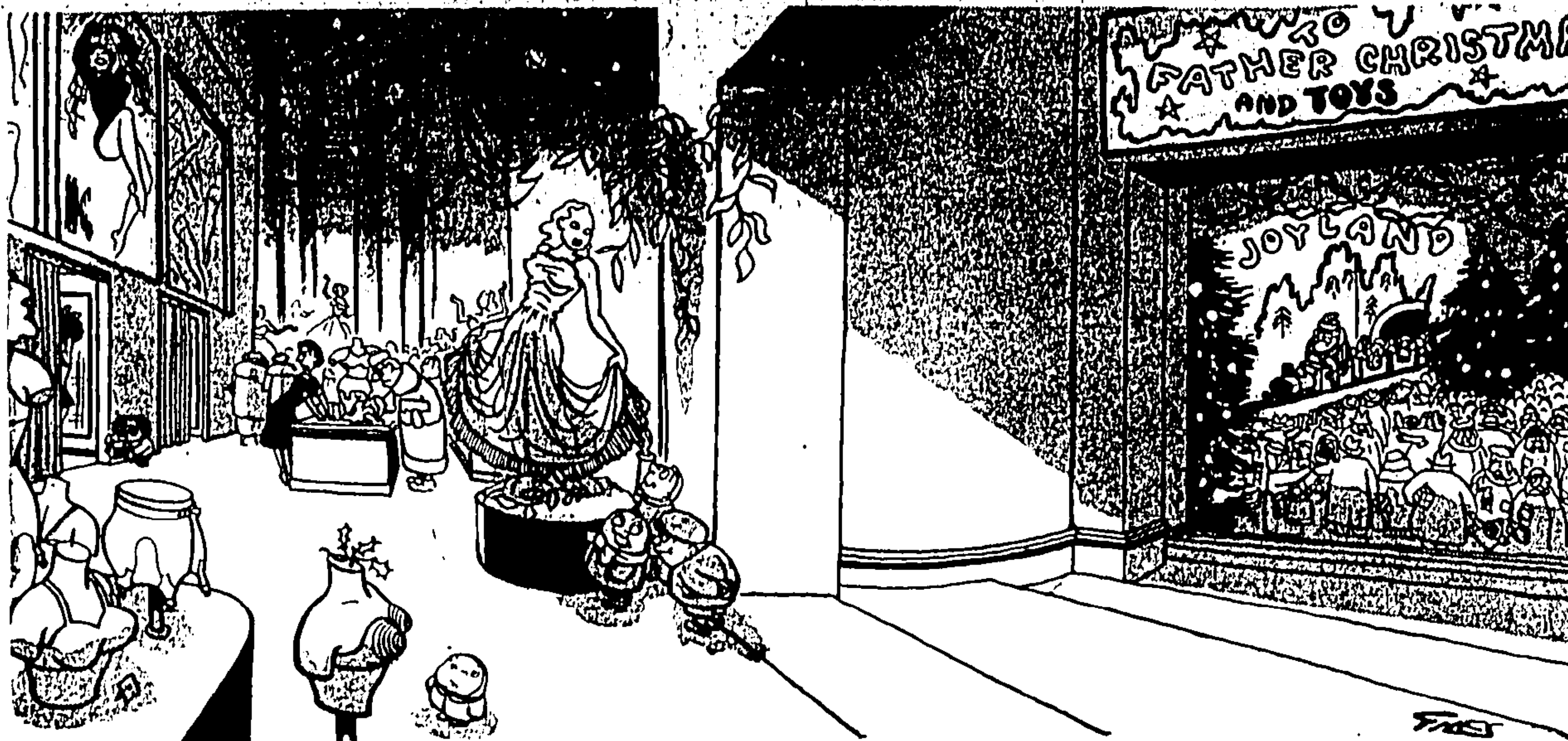
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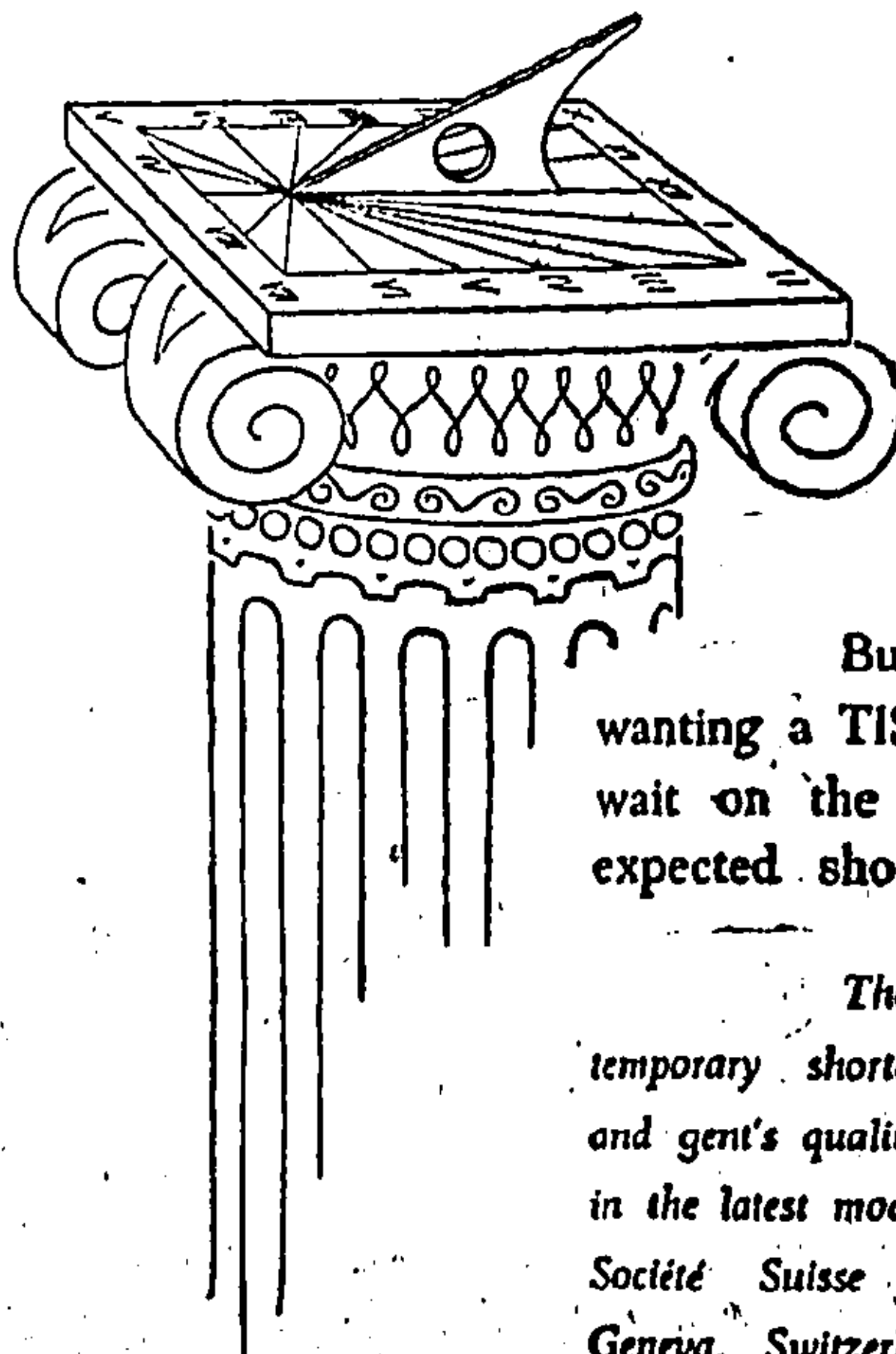


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## IN THE WASHINGTON WASH:

## IKE ASSESSING ALLURING NEW RUSSIAN PLAN

—By ALEXANDER BROAD

Washington. YOU can take it or leave it, but the story from Capitol Hill is that President Eisenhower is giving very careful consideration to the new Russian plan for withdrawal of foreign troops both East and West for a distance of 500 miles from a demilitarized zone in Central Europe.

The first reaction of the State Department was to dismiss the scheme (which incorporates part of Eisenhower's own "open-skies" inspection plan) as so much propaganda.

It is significant that no reply along these lines has been drafted.

It is also true that Eisenhower has ordered a detailed study of the probable effects of such a plan—though this, in itself, could be just a prelude to a flat rejection of it.

People who ought to know what the President is thinking say that he is thinking that there might be a good deal in the plan.

In the first place, although the plan would force U.S. troops out of Germany, it would also force the Russians out of East Germany and much of Poland.

The East German Regime would almost certainly collapse instantly.

With East Germany gone and Poland no longer in the official Empire, Czechoslovakia might break away too.

The prospect is alluring. Given one condition, the President might even eventually agree to the Bulgarian plan.

That condition is that U.S. power of retaliation should no longer be dependent on the existence of a strong force in Germany.

That, in turn depends on progress with the development of ultra-long range missiles of sufficient accuracy to stop any Soviet advance in its tracks.

A little time ago, such missiles were largely a dream. Perhaps they are not now.

**Going Broke**

TAKING the US economy apart has long been the intellectual's favourite indoor sport.

The reasons, no doubt, are not hard to find—it is almost certainly the world's more complicated machine and, no matter how many parts you separate, there are always more to be found.

The trouble is that, having separated what he thinks to be the parts, the sportsman is always ready to suggest some new

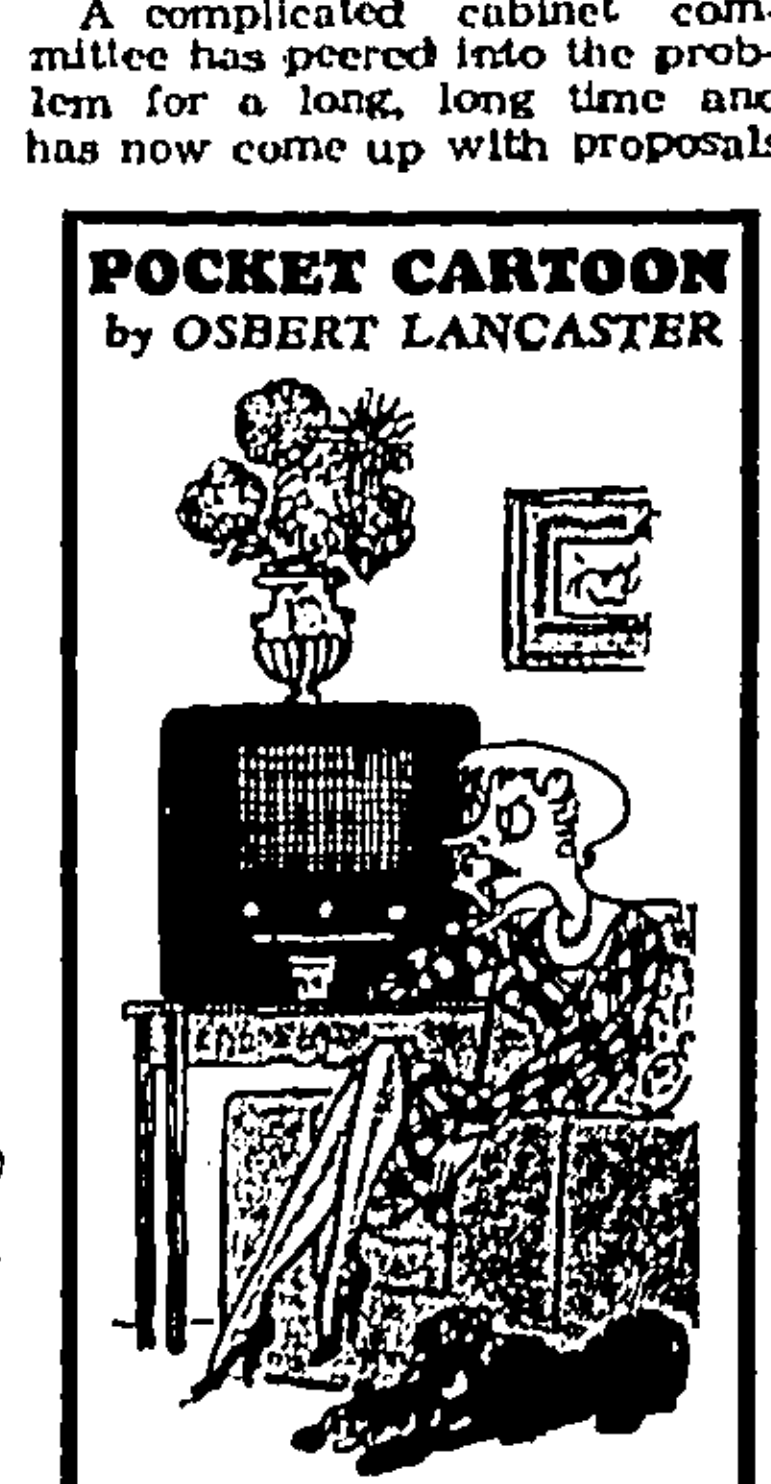
way in which they ought to be put together—and there is usually some politician lurking about ready to take him up on it.

To take a current example of the sort of thing that happens: About 292,000 small businesses will go broke in the U.S. this year. This is a fact that worries everybody, though it is not anything very new.

Nevertheless, the economy analysts have been busy trying to find out why. They have blamed the big corporations, the tax-collectors, the shortage of credit and a score of other things.

A complicated cabinet committee has peered into the problem for a long, long time and has now come up with proposals.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Speaking from the golf course or the operating theatre?"

which, in outlay and in lost revenue through tax cuts, will cost the government about \$500,000,000 a year at a conservative estimate.

These recommendations are thought to be a blow for freedom.

But will they save small businesses?

Dun and Bradstreet—the people who have a finger in just about everybody's credit—have done an analysis from the depths of their very considerable experience on the problems of businesses that go broke.

According to them 90.9 per cent of all collapsing businesses fail for one reason: inexperience.

Of the rest, 4.5 percent fail on account of neglect, 2.2 as a

result of fraud, and 1.6 as a result of disaster. As to the remaining 0.8, Dun and Bradstreet haven't been able to find any reason.

Presumably, by making more information available a government could assist the inexperienced. This is one of the things it proposes to do. But that accounts for only a fraction of its proposed effort.

As to neglect, the government does not propose to send out official minders of other people's businesses. Nor does it propose to tighten the law with regard to fraud. And disaster? Your guess is as good as mine.

Perhaps the new plans will help the remaining 0.8 of ruined businesses. The government may be smarter than Dun and Bradstreet. But how much more does it know?

## Negro Vote

THE Republican Party is currently doing some hard thinking about the South.

Eisenhower has twice running broken the Democratic stranglehold on the Deep South, and there are now two Republican Senators and nine Republican Congressmen from the South.

The question, now, is simply—should the Republicans go ahead and build a party organization in the traditionally one-party South?

It is not such a simple question as it sounds.

The Republicans won a large percentage of the Negro vote in the South. But few Negroes vote in the South. Some are kept away by legal dodges, some by simple fear.

Just enough vote to make their vote worth having. But not enough vote to run a political organization.

In the North, too, the Republicans cashed in on the Negro vote. They won this vote on account of their remarkably good civil rights record.

In the North, they can keep the Negro vote by keeping their civil rights record.

In the South it is different. The nine Republican Congressmen have joined their Democratic colleagues in signing the Southern Manifesto against racial integration in the schools.

Next time, many Negroes will think twice before they vote Republican. Many of them, just won't vote at all rather than be tricked.

Any Southern Republican organization would be likely to fall into the same trap. It could hardly fail to fall into the hands of the Southern blimps.

It is said that the good name of the Republican Party would be lost—and with it the Northern Negro vote.

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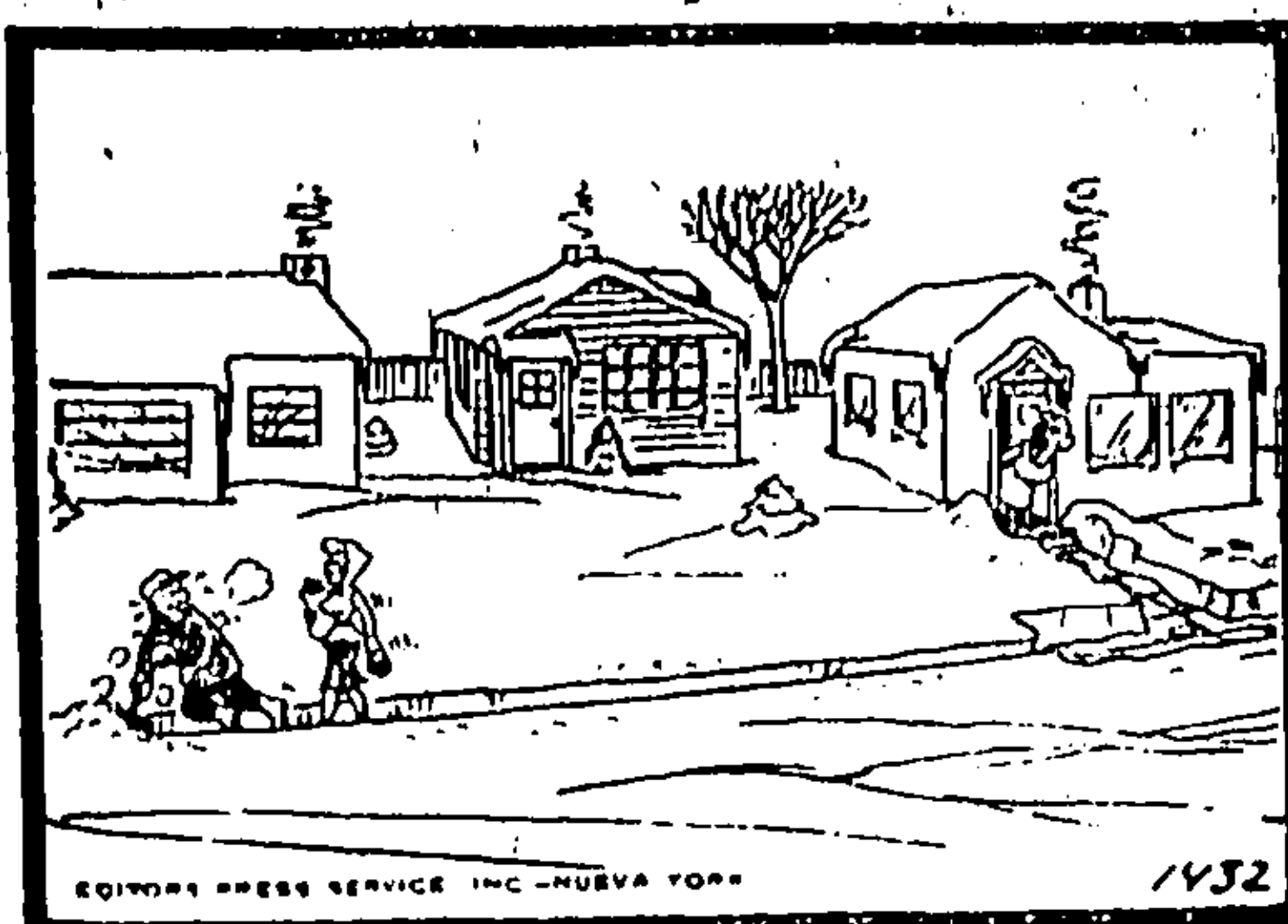
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

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Since you are highly individualistic, you would be wise to enter one of the creative arts for which you are eminently fitted. This will give you an opportunity to make the fullest use of your originality and ingenuity. In addition, you

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Backward Finesse Averts Disaster

By OSWALD JACOBY

DESPERATION caused South to adopt the winning line of play in today's hand. His play was against the odds, but he could see nothing else that would permit him to make his contract.

West opened the six of hearts, and dummy won at once with the ace. Dummy's king of spades held the next trick, but West took the second spade trick with the ace and led another heart. The defender took the rest of the hearts, ending in the East hand. East then led the eight of clubs.

South had already lost four tricks, and felt sure that West must hold the king of clubs and the queen of diamonds to prevent his overcall of one diamond. Declarer saw that there could be no advantage in taking the club finesse or in finessing the diamonds.

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## BY THE WAY

By Beachcomber

A WOMAN has complained

that she "could not make

head or tail" of a couple of

sausagees she had bought

from the "Oriental Sausage

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## WOMANSENSE

## Comfort In The Kitchen

By HAZEL MEYRICK

London.

HOW do you rate your

kitchen? Is it a clean,

antiseptic-looking clinic; a

homely, friendly room

where guests tend to con-

gregate, or a hopeless

jumble of ill-assorted ap-

pliances, with awkward

corners that the broom

can't reach?

Too many kitchens are never

planned—they just happen.

Even if you are starting from

scratch, with an empty purse,

it pays to decide how you

want your kitchen to be, and

avoid that jumble sale look.

The career woman who is

out most of the time, wants a

small labour-saving room that

is easily kept clean and tidy.

But the housewife who is

home all day may like a less

impractical plan, somewhere

where she can sit and relax, if

she gets the chance, serve

snacks, and lunch to the child-

ren when they come in from

school.

Chief culprits in the kitchen

are haphazardly chosen kitchen

cabinets and working

depth which make cleaning a

menace, so it is not surprising

that many London housewives

have caught onto the idea of

choosing their dream kitchen

from one range of furniture,

buying the units piecemeal as

they can afford them.

A new range of inexpensive

furniture has just been

launched in London. It can be

bought piece by piece and

renewed together to make one

continuous, made-to-measure

working top just right for the

smaller kitchen. The individual

pieces are only eighteen inches

deep, this range of furniture

being exported all over the

world by its London manufac-

turers, who say it is the

most popular of all their

ranges. The new range is

designed to be built up in

a building, a kitchen dresser

with a special, metal-lined

board compartment.

All these pieces will stand on

four legs, or can be fitted

to a built-in kitchen.

Not just in green-and-cream,

they are made in lively colours

such as red, blue and pink and

are, incidentally, the cheapest

units on the market at the

moment.

The firm supply a brochure

giving exact measurements of

each unit, and the housewife

spends her leisure hours plan-

ning her kitchen on paper, then

buys it piece by piece.

Stainless steel sink units

look good, are easy to keep

clean, but some housewives

complain that their shining

surface is tiring to the eyes.

Now one London firm has

brought out a steel sink unit

with a softer, satinated finish

which, they claim, is less liable

to show scratches than the

super-glossy variety. It is more

useful to work with. In-

cidentally, if your sink does be-

come badly marked, a quick

rub over with a super-fine

wire wool pad will restore

most of its original shine.

While the unit look is the

only look for a small room—



Two aids to easier cooking:—



## EASTERN 2, SING TAO 0

IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN  
AVALANCHE OF GOALS  
FOR EASTERN

Says "TOUCHWOOD"

The weather was dreadful. Even worse was the play in the Sing Tao-Eastern encounter when these teams clashed in a Senior Division League match at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday.

In what was expected to be a good match to watch for the fact that the Tigers had pulled a major upset of the season early this month when they smashed a 3-2 win from South China, top contenders for this season's honours, there was practically nothing to shout about.

However, an amusing scene after 18 minutes of play had the crowd roaring with laughter as, immediately after Eastern had opened the scoring through right-winger Fung Chun-tak, Ko Po-keung who was upfield at that moment was seen clutching at his shorts which had a slit from top to bottom, leaving the whole left leg exposed.

While the Sing Tao keeper was busy patting the ball back in the back of the net, Ko took no notice, look at his own half and then pointed to the 50 yard of his left leg, a change of shorts.

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KMB 3, Kwong Wah 1

This was a match of injuries, a procession of players leaving the field and then limping back to rejoin the fray. And strangely enough the side which suffered most were the players—Kowloon Motor Bus, who after a first half score of 1-1, lost 3-1.

With these circumstances in their favour, the Kwong Wah boys instead of getting the better of the exchanges, were a hesitant lot.

Had Kwong Wah played a weaker brand of soccer they would have taken an early lead, but their forwards—especially Chow Tsang-chuen, Leung Lam, and Law Tak-hing—were

## HKAAA OPEN MEETING

2 Colony Records,  
Many Ill, Maimed,  
But Not A Bad Meet

By "RECORDER"

Two Colony records were the feature of yesterday's Second HKAAA Open Athletic Meeting of the current season. Bob Pope lowered the 10,000 Metres Run record to 31 minutes 47.6 seconds, an Olympic first 10 class performance by the standards of 1948 and the London Games, and Keung Pui-chen deprived Mrs Johanna Van Vliet of one of her three Colony records as she reached 89 feet 5½ inches in the Ladies' Discus Throw.

Other noteworthy features were the return of Stephen Xavier who, without having done any training in the last 18 months, still managed to get second place in the 200 Metres Dash, and the good form of the jumpers despite poor conditions.

The meeting will also go down in history as the first at which Miss Jean Proctor's St George's School girls put in an appearance. They did nothing very spectacular, but what they did accomplish was most impressive in the circumstances.

There isn't a Champion among them yet, but by novices' standards they were most promising novices and few of our Colony Champions of the last did anything near as well their first time out. Which only goes to show how much enthusiasm and training can do.

Here are some St George's first time performances—a 30.2 over 200 Metres, 4 feet 5 inches in the High Jump, 14 feet 6½ in the Long Jump and 24 feet 11 inches in the Shot Put by Carol Brundie, fourth place in the 100 Metres, 4 feet 2 inches in the High Jump and 63 feet 1½ inches in the Discus Throw by Christine Bartlett.

"STAR" EVENTS

The Ladies' High Jump proved one of the day's best events, with Keung Pui-chen clearing 4 feet 8 inches, a performance bettered in the history of Colony athletics only by Jennifer Hart and Deborah Hurlbert, and Julia Tingay was only good for third place with a most respectable 4 feet 5 inches.

Sixth place went to Molly Davies of St George's School at 4 feet 2 inches—the best sixth place performance in this event in local history—and even Georgia Thompson surprised herself by taking fourth place at an inch higher.

In the men's High Jump both Pang Chung and Lau Din-ye cleared 5 feet 8 inches and failed three times at 5 feet 10 inches. Both the men's and women's jumps are going to be top attractions at athletic meetings in the new year.

## LEAGUE CRICKET

Watch Out For  
Army North In The  
Second Round

The halfway stage leaders in the First Division of the Cricket League—Army South, the Optimists and KCC—are hereby warned that there is a very much top bracket class team to be met in the second round of League matches.

Army North have recovered from their very indifferent start to the season and on Saturday, despite Greenhalgh, one of their most valuable players, being on the injured list, they won a most meritorious four points from the HKCC Scorpions at Chater Road.

Meritorious, indeed, for it would normally require a good bowling side to get rid of a batting side spearheaded by batsmen of the calibre of Stanton, Pearce and Weller in two hours.

On Saturday, Army North accomplished this feat in one and a half hours, largely through the efforts of two medium to fastish bowlers in Vickers and Dave.

Army North declared at 201 for seven wickets, the batting being nothing too exceptional except for that of the opening pair, Alcoe and Bell, who put on 71 for the first wicket.

There was, of course, nothing very exceptional in the Scorpions' bowling. This is curious to record when one considers

how happy any team would have been three years ago with a set of bowlers like Frank Howarth, Tony Weller, Len White, Ivor Stanton and Donald Leach. On Saturday, Howarth now a shade of the old craftsman, did as well as anyone else.

After Army North had batted for two and a quarter hours, much longer than was necessary, Scorpions began in fine style with a first wicket stand of 43 between Hill and Stanton. With Hill's departure, the rot set in, Stanton going at 52, Owen-Hughes at 57, Weller at 72, Roberts at 81, Leach at 81, Pearce at 84 and the rest with little more than 90 on the board.

## THE HEXANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Club Surprise Everyone  
By Dropping Two Points  
To The Airmen

By "PAK LO"

To everyone's surprise on Saturday afternoon the Club, which had produced such an excellent record in the first part of the season, went down for the second time in succession, this time to the RAF, by 11 points (1 goal, 2 penalty goals) to 5 points (1 goal).

In the other game on the Club ground the Navy, as expected, won comfortably over the Police by 18 points (4 tries, 2 penalty goals) to nil, while at Sek Kong in a hard battle the Army North scored 9 points (2 tries, 1 penalty goal) to Army South's 9 points (1 try, 2 penalty goals) to produce yet another drawn match.

In the friendly match the Club "B", with their guest scrum half and Valentine forming a perfect combination, upset the heavily favoured Kanier "B" XV by 13 points (2 goals, 1 try) to 5 points (1 goal) in a hard, fast, tough and exciting game.

## Club v. RAF

Until Roberts, the Club full back, had to leave the field due to a head injury the Club were definitely on top. Their forwards kept the very dangerous RAF pack completely subdued, and in the loose the Club wing forwards planned down every attack the Airmen tried to start.

Meffan was also sending the ball out with a regularity that gave the RAF little chance of using their three, while the Club three moved at long last with a smartness that has not been seen from the Club in a long time.

On his play on Saturday Lloyd showed easily retained his place, for he seldom missed a pass, and then only when it was a bad one, and as a result the ball was going to the wings from almost every move.

Only good covering by the RAF kept the score down in the first half, and it looked as if the Club would walk it. Then with Roberts out Penman went on the wing and Stevens, dropped back to full back, this was just what the RAF needed for their extra weight in the scrums now began to tell and the extra man in the loose made all the difference.

The Club never stopped fighting, but they could no longer contain the RAF pack. For the last ten minutes the Club threw everything into an attack and literally camped five yards from the RAF line, but they just could not break through the defence.

O'Kelly tried a drop but did not have time to steady himself, and missed narrowly. The RAF three were best in the centre where Cornah and Fraser shone, particularly the latter, and the Airmen will miss him when he leaves shortly.

Hope showed much more promise on the wing than he has done of late, and had he been given more of the ball might have increased the RAF's total.

I have pleasure in reporting that the ill-fated mascot given to the Club recently was burned unceremoniously after the match. Since the appearance of this mascot the Club has been losing, so it was felt that its

removal might improve their luck.

## THE PLAY

The Club swept into the attack right from the start but the Airmen held them at bay until a good three minutes by the Airmen took play to the Club, where a penalty was awarded and Macnamara converted 3-0.

A few minutes later, after both sides had mixed penalties, O'Kelly took the ball from a penalty attempt and sent Penman away up the field, leaving the RAF pack all on the wrong side of the field.

A Club three move followed but a pass was intercepted and there was a scrum on the RAF 25. The Airmen needed but Gault, who played well throughout, coming round and Penman dribbled the loose ball on at his feet and was stopped with feet to go Elliot, backing up well, grabbed it and carried it across the line for a try, but the scrum O'Kelly converted 3-5.

That was the half time score but within ten minutes of the second half it was a different picture, for with Roberts missing the RAF pack charge and despite the efforts of Miller and Wright the RAF pack began to send the ball out to its three.

From a Club fumble the Airmen pressed to within 20 yards of the Club line and were there awarded a penalty, which Macnamara converted 3-8.

The RAF kept up the pressure but not as well as the Club tried to defend, and just as they were making another attack one of the Airmen's wings came along the ball backwards without looking. There was no one there and Read took it first and left the way to the line where he scored under the posts. Macnamara converted 11-5.

## Police v. Navy

The Police, as usual, ruled too much on their forwards, and, though they were a definite danger, particularly Walker and Forsythe, they lacked the strength behind the scrum.

Lewis and Lloyd never settled down at all well until it was late and the Police tackling in defence, with one outstanding exception, was very poor. The one exception was Scott who time and time again saved his line with a terrific tackle.

The Navy three were not half as good as last week, and against a stronger tackling fifteen would have got nowhere. Newton was outstanding in the Navy three with Figg a close second, but Lloyd was disappointing, and like Newton seemed to have an aversion to letting the ball go out of his hands.

But if the Navy passing was not all it could have been, the Police passing was dreadful. This was an exciting game for both sets of three insisted on kicking the ball upfield into the full back's hands. There was no proper cross kicking for the forwards, and there was a lot of loose hacking by both sides.

## THE PLAY

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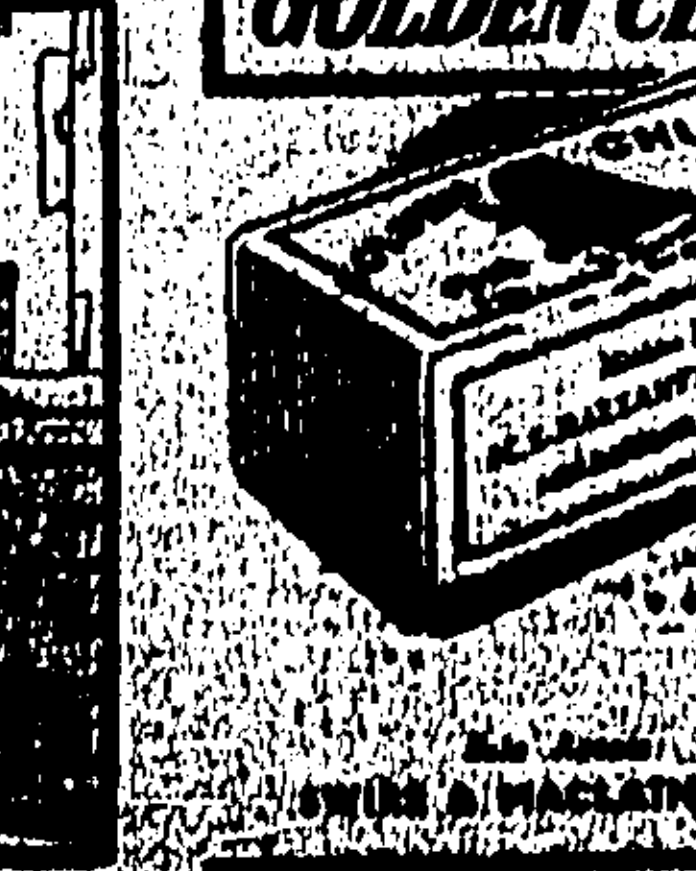


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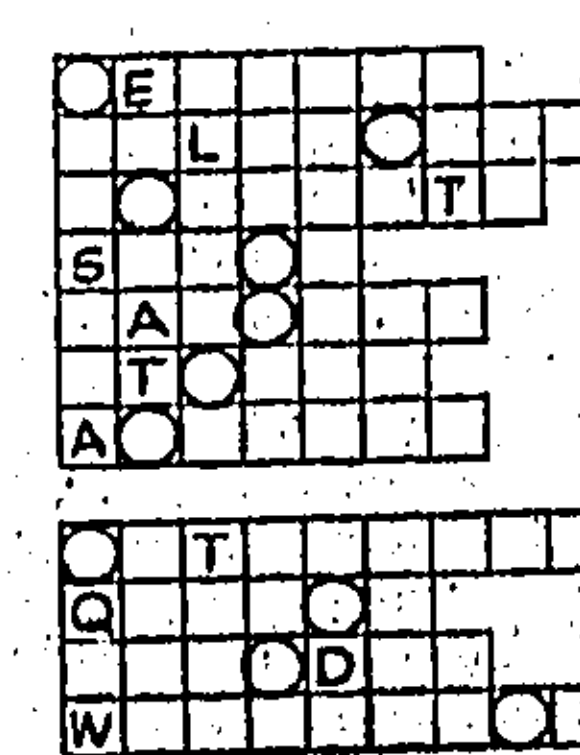
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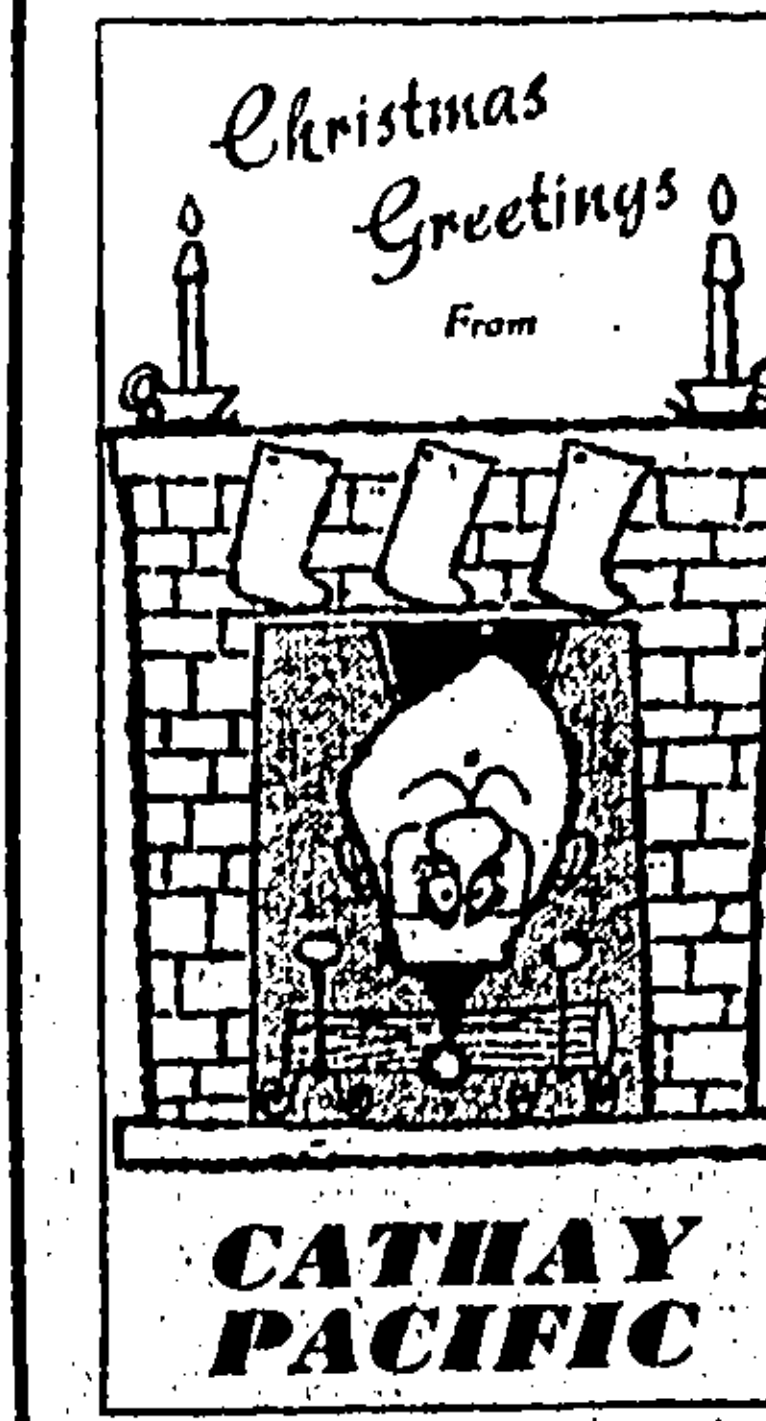
## NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



- 1 Cowboy story?
- 2 Empire builders?
- 3 Hoel?
- 4 They are canvases?
- 5 These assets?
- 6 Countries?
- 7 Continent?
- 8 Steel town?
- 9 Such a bonnet?
- 10 Sink?
- 11 Sea level?

Solution on Page 9







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## American "Olympic" Team Put On A Grand Display For Baseball Fans

By "TIME OUT"

Local diamond enthusiasts were treated to a fine display of baseball by the touring USA "Olympic" Baseball Team at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. Braving the nippy weather and slight drizzle, this season's largest crowd of fans watched with wonder as the "Olympic" squad ploughed through a baseball "clinic" showing the finer points of the game as it should be played, followed by a five-inning scuffle among the team members.

Team coach Sergeant Koziatek handled the reins in yesterday's performances, running his men through the various tricks and techniques of first-class baseball to the delight of local fans. Starting off, the correct batting stance was shown with batmen facing the pitcher first on the right hand side of the batter's box, then on the left.

The show then moved on to the great game-winning tactics of bunts. Players on the bench took turns in the box to drop bunts to the infield, going through the whole motion from the time the pitcher winds up to the batter in the hitting stance position, then the swift slide of the hands down the bat with the body facing the pitcher, dropping the bunt and the run-out at first base.

On these plays the infielders executed some marvellous pick-ups on the run and the one continuous motion whipped the ball to the initial sack with unerring accuracy.

The drag bunt was then shown, the ball being pushed out on its path instead of the dead dropping of the drop-bunt. A base was detached and the famous "hook slide" was demonstrated. Star-player Riley straddled the sack while his mates streaked in for the slide on a given signal followed by the ball.

Dust was kicked up as the "steal" was illustrated, first with the left foot hooking the bag, then with the right. Systematically, the play moved to infield practice with the rifle-armed infielders relaying the old pill back and forth with lightning speed.

With a runner on first base, coach Koziatek showed how his boys cut off the potential run with double plays at the keystone and first base. Questioned on the point about double plays with the ball being hit to the first baseman, manager Colonel Weissman stated that it normally depended on the situation of the play but, more often than not, on a double play commencing at first base, the pitcher takes the relay back from second for the final half of the twin kill as the second baseman will be needed at his post for the cover-up.

### NAILING TECHNIQUE

Catcher Cochran then showed how he nailed base stealers on the path with his rifle-armed whip across the diamond. Runners were planted on first with a slight lead, the pitcher meanwhile keeping a watchful eye to see that the lead was not too big prior to the pitch.

On release of the pitch, the runner made a break for second while Cochran, in a machine-like motion, whipped the ball back to second for the put-out. With runners on first and third, the cut-off play was shown, catching the runner from third at the plate. Seeing the runner from third break for the plate on the relay to second, the second baseman races across the diamond to cut off the throw and whips it back to the plate to nail the incoming base-stealer.

With the baseball "clinic" over, the team split up for a five-inning game that featured some brilliant plays from both sides.

On the blue-shirted side were the team's defensive strength with five pitchers and two catchers filling in the various spots in the field, while the red-shirted side featured their spearhead in the offensive, punching all their sluggers and first-stringers in the squad.

Coch Koziatek hoisted the mound flag for the latter and turned in a fine game, holding the opposition to four scattered hits while speedballer Martinez was tagged for the loss, yielding six telling blows, including a homer and a triple.

With the "Blues" failing to score their initial chapter, Riley jumped into an early lead. Starting off, centre-fielder Finch towered a long ball to left for a ground-rule double and advanced on a fumble.

Pfeiffer poked a long one to centre for the first out and Finch scored on the catch. Black then doubled into the left-field stands while slugger Riley was passed.

First sacker Lasser then took a screaming liner to right-centre field that had extra bases written all over it, but Colonel Jamison, easily playing right field off-position, netted the ball on flight with a brilliant catch for the second out.

Griesser's grounder towards second skipped through the outstretched legs of Melbylin and Black, landed the rubber for run number two. A "bead" ball forced Zucco to first to

load the bases but Cochran failed in the clutch and the side was retired.

### QUITE A BATTLE

Fighting back gamely, Clement opened the second frame with an infield hit and advanced on Poglalen's liner through the windy-alley. Two rapid outs threatened the rally when an attempted pick-off at first saw the ball sailing wide of its mark and Clement scooting across the plate. Poglalen, hot on the heels of Clement on the basepaths, also tried for the plate with the equaliser but the relay rang true and he was plastered for the third out.

With the drizzle making the ball slippery and elusive, the "Reds" jumped at the opportunity to widen the gap. After Koziatek and Finch got on safely on infield miscues, second sacker Pfeiffer lowered the "boom" with a ringing three-run homer, the ball lowering into the outfield to rest on the roof of the stadium at left field.

Black drew a free ticket to first but was left stranded as the opposition settled down to steady playing to clinch Riley, Lasser and Griesser in a quick one-two-three order.

While "Kozie" had his own lads on the opposing side eating out of his hands, his mates chinked up the more lally in the third to lead 6-1. In this chapter catcher Cochran stole the show with his many crazy capers on the field that had fans rolling with laughter.

Latching on to a fat pitch after one out, he sent it screaming high into left field. Following the ball on its flight in that sector, Dolson over-looked the slight embankment, tripped and sprawled on to the running track while the "pill" casually dropped out of reach.

Ignoring the wave-off at third base, Cochran streaked homeward only to be thumbed back to second base on a ground rule. Cochran then went into his act, panting and ranting, aided with a whole lot of arm waving, to the delight of the vast crowd. When he finally came across with the lully, he stepped on the plate, took off his cap and daintily waved a "thank you" to the crowd.

### EASED UP

Pressure soon eased up and both sides reshuffled their positions. Finch took over mound duties for the winners in the fifth while Cochran stepped into the hot spot at the windy-alley. Tagging Poglalen's liner at short, laugh-getter Cochran side-stepped neatly while lazily stretching out a gloved hand to snag the ball en route.

With the wall of defence at the plate being considerably weakened by Cochran's absence, the blue-shirted side scraped in two more tallies, but these were quickly erased in their fielding half by the clutch-hitting hickory of coach Koziatek whose timely swat cleaned the bases for two more markers to make the final score read 8-3 in his side's favour.

The stars in the batting department had a rather bad day at the plate as top hitter Riley walked off hitless in his only time at bat (he was passed twice) while Finch had one hit in two trips to the plate. In the outfield, Colonel Jamison stole the limelight with a brilliant catch of Lasser's liner in the first frame with a running catch at right field while Dolson paced him with a beauty in the fourth. "a" In the crack of the bat he spun around and raced into deep left field, stopping and turning at the precise moment to let the ball plummet into his mitt.

It is a pity that we could not put up a team against this touring squad for then local followers of this sport would have seen what first class baseball is like in a game rather than an exhibition.

In a series of exhibition games in Australia, the American "Olympic" squad won 13 out of the 14 played. In the Philippines they split two with the Philippine National Baseball Team, a squad that's tops in this line sport.

The visitors will be spending their Christmas holidays in Hongkong and are due to leave on the morning of the 26th for their bases in Tokyo, Korea, Okinawa, etc. after disembarking.

## Sports Diary

### WEDNESDAY

#### Soccer

Summer League: South China v Kwong Wah (CHI) 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY

#### Rugby

Hexangular Tourney: Police v Club (BS) 3.30 p.m.; R.A.F. v Army South (Kai Tak) 3.30 p.m.; Army North v Navy (CB) 3.30 p.m.

#### Soccer

Div. 1: Eastern v R.A.F. (Club); South China v Police (CHI); Club v St. Joseph's (5Kp). All matches at 3.30 p.m.

Reserve Div.: South China v Police (CHI); Club v St. Joseph's (5Kp). Both matches at 2 p.m.

Div. 2: R.A.F. Sai Wan v Solicitors (Club) 2 p.m.

R.A.M.C. v Princess (HV) 2.15 p.m.; Telephone v Jardines (HV) 2.45 p.m.; B and S v Dockyard (HV) 3.45 p.m.

Div. 3: Kowloon Godown v R.I.L. (HV) 2.15 p.m.; Mercantile v Re-diffusion (HV) 2.15 p.m.; Dodwell v C.M.B. (HV) 3.45 p.m.

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## SCIENCE &amp; ENGINEERING

EDUCATING DEAF CHILDREN  
PROGRESS IN BRITAIN

By JEAN N. HOWARTH

THE presence of severe deafness at birth, or occurring in early childhood, is not only a serious social handicap, but a major educational problem, because it prevents normal communication from developing. It is the experience of hearing the voice of his mother and of other people which transforms the normal child's instinctive cries into conventional speech.

The child who is born deaf is automatically cut off from this natural and vital experience, and after a short period in which he, too, instinctively practices sounds, he ceases to become silent. This is a serious obstacle to intellectual development which ordinary teaching methods cannot overcome. In the past it was thought that because a deaf child's task in learning to use his native language is a difficult one, it should be postponed. Behind this view are some misconceptions about the learning processes of young children.

## Given By Parents

Investigations of the astounding linguistic and intellectual progress made by infants by hearing children have suggested that there are optimal periods for learning, during which practice brings richest rewards for effort. In learning to talk the most important period is the first five years, and it is now thought advisable that deaf children, too, should utilize their natural aptitude for speech at this stage.

Dr Irene R. Ewing, formerly director of the Department of Education of the Deaf at Manchester University, originated an approach by which the foundation of a deaf child's language and subsequent educational progress could be laid even before the age of two. This early education is given by the parents acting under expert guidance.

A parent whose child is found or suspected to be deaf, may be referred by a doctor or otologist to one of the guidance clinics for such children which have been established in some cities in Britain. Some of these clinics are attached to hospitals, others have been organized by Public Health Departments working in collaboration with Education Committees. They have facilities for making accurate tests of hearing, and offer to parents whose children require home training, information about their child's individual needs.

Parents are shown how to give the child practice in interpreting such sounds as he can be enabled to hear, and advised on ways of making use of the incidents and routines of the child's home life to encourage understanding of speech through lipreading and spontaneous attempts to talk.

## At School Till 16

The policy of making an early start is also reflected in the lowering to five years of the age when education is compulsory for deaf children, and in the full-time special education which must be given from the age of two years. It is thought necessary or desirable. It is also to be seen in the establishment of nursery schools and nursery units which are attached to day schools.

Deaf children, who at five years or earlier (depending on progress in their home training) need continual help with speech and full-time general education of the kind which can only be given by qualified teachers of the deaf, are required to attend special schools until they are 16. The Education Act of 1944 made local education authorities in England and Wales responsible for providing special educational treatment appropriate to all categories of handicapped children. Many special schools for deaf children were founded by voluntary bodies but are now maintained or assisted by local authorities. The children study the same subjects as hearing children but their progress depends heavily on the proficiency they acquire in lipreading, and their energies are concentrated on learning to speak, read and write the English language.

This process has been helped by advances in electronic engineering which have made available to teachers, powered, high-fidelity hearing aids. Investigations carried out in schools and laboratory clinics have shown that there are very few children (about six to seven per cent) of those correctly classified as deaf, who cannot with modern equipment be enabled to have some satisfactory perception of speech, though in many cases it is extremely limited.

## Infancy Hearing Tests

Now that it has been found possible to teach even very young children to lipread, it is essential that the sooner deafness is

ascertained the better. Important work in this respect has been done by Dr Irene Ewing and Professor A. W. G. Ewing who, having investigated the response to sound of normally hearing babies, constructed a series of hearing tests suitable for use in infancy and early childhood. Voice, sibilant consonants, pitch pipes, percussion instruments and other sound-producing devices of measured loudness are used and the response noted. Children of school age can generally be taught to co-operate in audiometric and speech tests. As a result of such tests, children who require them are provided with individual hearing aids under the National Health Scheme which came into operation in 1948.

The regular use of hearing aids, particularly in pre-school years, has enabled some severely deaf children to acquire speech which, though defective, is fluent and colloquial instead of monotonous and laboured. In the case of others even more severely deaf, hearing aids have assisted the realization of the vocal character of speech and have accelerated their progress in lipreading; the result has been an all-round improvement in emotional adjustment and general mental development.

Children whose hearing is impaired, but whose handicap would not prevent them from acquiring some speech naturally, have rapidly freed their speech from inaccuracies and defective pronunciation through the use of hearing aids. The

advantages of early auditory experience and training in use of residual hearing, have made it possible for some partially deaf children to enter ordinary infant schools and to keep pace with their hearing contemporaries in all school subjects. Others, who have made less progress, may enter special schools or classes for partially deaf children, being transferred to an ordinary school later if their educational progress justifies such a move.

## Flexibility

These arrangements exhibit clearly the flexibility and the belief in modifications of regime according to individual needs, which were recognized in the Education Act of 1944 as indispensable elements of special educational treatment. The aim, it was argued, should not be to segregate handicapped persons from their contemporaries but to give them independence within a normal community which uses speech and written language as its major means of communication.

Since the war, two schools have been founded in Britain for deaf children who are intellectually gifted—the Mary Hare Grammar School in Newbury, Berkshire, and Burwood Park Secondary Technical School for boys at Walton-on-Thames near London. These schools are evidence of a conviction that the normal field of opportunity should be opened to deaf children to the fullest extent consistent with their handicap.



In the Auditory Unit of the Department of Education of the Deaf, Manchester University, England, children are taught how to overcome the problem of deafness with the help of toys. Here playing a new "game" is four-year-old David Butler. His six-year-old brother John has persuaded him to wear earphones and, when these are adjusted, the instructor will say the word "bus." David will hear her and see her lip movement, associating both sound and lip movement with the toy held out to him. This method of teaching is adopted with children who can normally hear very little sound.

## New Infra-Red Plant

Polythene, combined with "Moktopren," a foam lining material, is rapidly replacing leather and metal for orthopaedic appliances such as splints and spinal jackets. The General Electric Co. Ltd. has designed special infra-red plant for heating and softening this material before it is moulded round a plaster cast of the patient's limb.

Once the plastic has cooled and set it is removed from the cast, straps are fitted and ventilation holes drilled. The plastic supports are less cumbersome than the leather, more hygienic, easier, quicker and cheaper to make.

Orthopaedic hospitals both at home and overseas are changing to this new method of making the appliances. Already G.E.C. has received orders for infra-red softening plant from the orthopaedic hospitals at Colombo, Brussels, Glasgow, Bristol, Nottingham and Truro.

When partially withdrawn the bed is supported by chains and a stand.

The plant's heating space is enclosed by doors with inner reflecting surfaces.

To keep the temperature attained by the plastic sheet at the correct softening level, two time controls and an energy regulator are employed. One of the time controls switches the plant off after a preset time, while the other operates the energy regulator which switches some of the lamps on and off continuously in accordance with a preset ratio of "on" to "off" time.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

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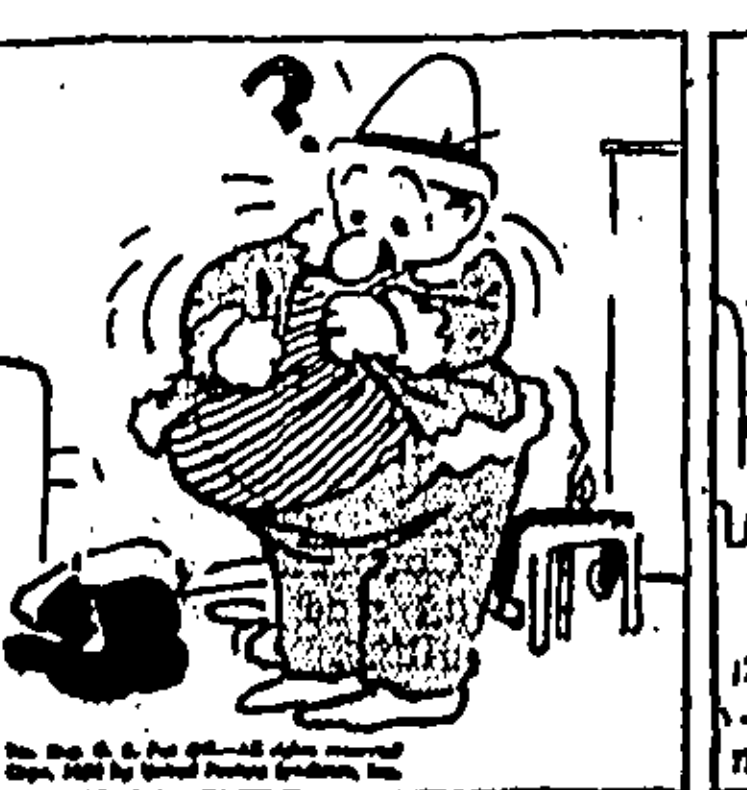
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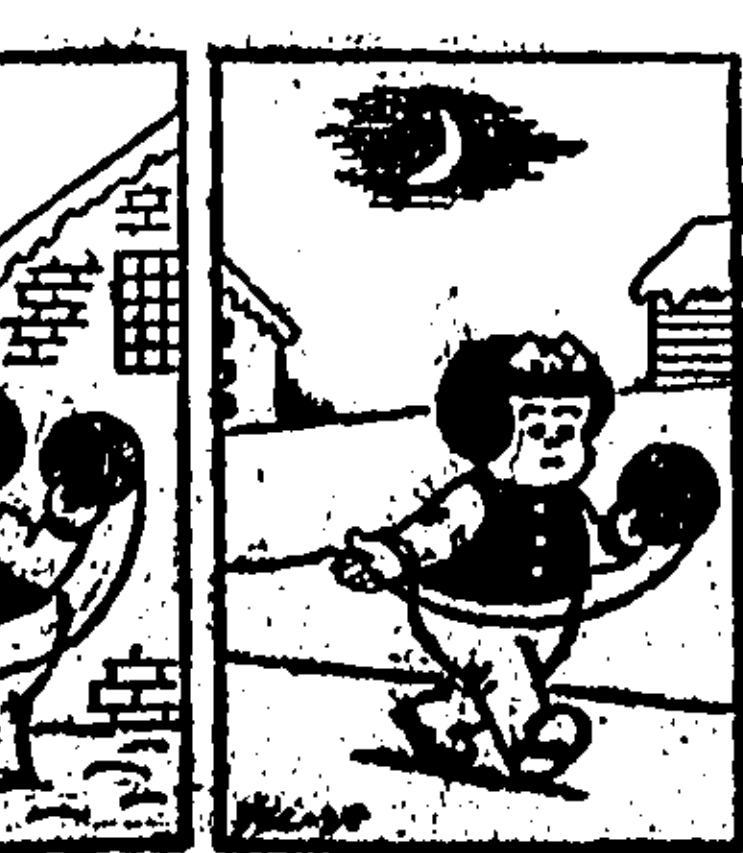
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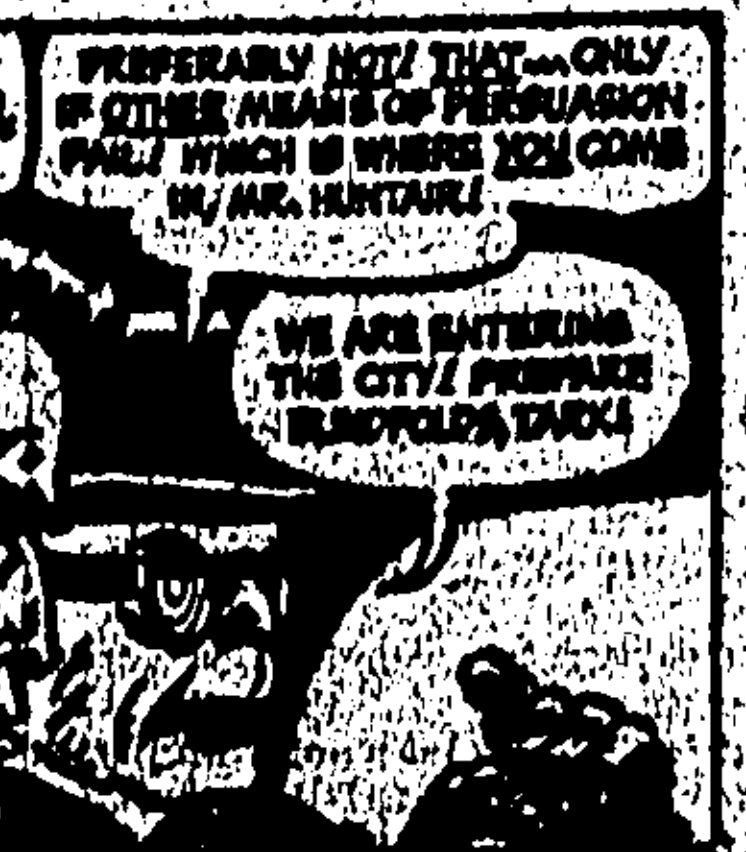
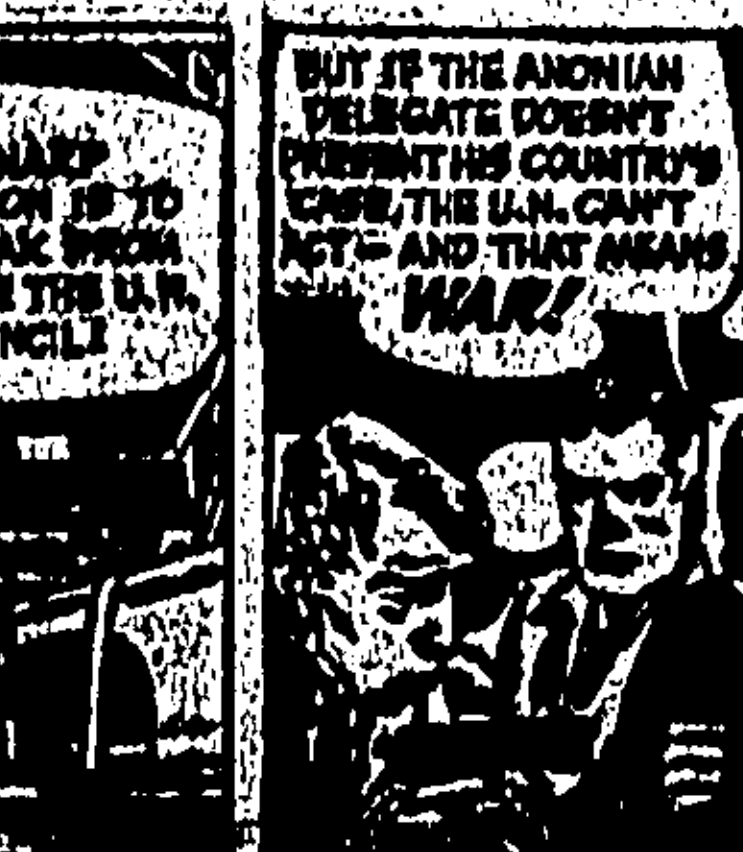
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Malaya, 3 p.m.

General Holiday



## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Tanker Fleet Revision

## US COST OF LIVING RISES

Washington, Dec. 23. A drastic increase in food prices has been a prime factor in the big jump in the cost of living since 1939, government statistics showed today.

According to the official cost of living index maintained by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, food prices are up nearly 2 1/2 times over 1939. The overall index reached a record high in October.

Clothing costs were slightly more than double their 1939 level. Rent, on the other hand, were up about 50 per cent. The figures are based on the buying habits of "moderate-income" city families.

Translated into purchasing power, the figures mean that the average city family's dollar is about 50 cents worth of what it would buy in 1939. It will buy only 41 cents worth of food and 49 cents in clothing.

## Sharpest Rises

The sharpest rises in the cost of living and in food and clothing costs in particular took place during the World War II and the postwar years. In the 11 years from 1939 to 1950, the cost of living rose 73 per cent, food prices 115 per cent, clothing prices 87 per cent.

In the same period, the purchasing power of the consumer dollar dropped to 58 cents in terms of 1939 prices, the food dollar to 47 cents and the clothing dollar to 54 cents.

Rent rose only 5 1/2 per cent between 1939 and 1949, mainly because of World War II rent controls. They climbed 19 per cent being removed. They climbed another 20 per cent between 1950 and 1955.—United Press.

## US Steel Industry Approaching Capacity

New York, Dec. 23. United States steel industry production next year should approach capacity, the chairman of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, Admiral Ben Moreell, said in an annual statement today. Admiral Moreell estimated that the industry's capacity in 1957 at about 131 million tons of some three million tons higher than the capacity this year. The actual output this year will total around 115 million tons.

Admiral Moreell added it was not prudent to look ahead more than six months, but there was every indication that the industry would produce steel at an unprecedented rate next year and Jones and Laughlin should get its share of this business.

Admiral Moreell revealed that the company, the country's fourth largest steel producer, stepped up its cost reduction and expansion programme for three years 1955/56 to \$320 million. This represents an increase of \$90 million since last April, which is due partly to an extension of the programme and partly to a rise in costs.—China Mail Special.

## The Bank Of England Statement

London, Dec. 23. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 19, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	1,095,000,454
Public deposits	12,500,115
Private deposits	27,003,115
Government securities	234,091,020
Other securities	25,091,020
Reserves	30,222,152
Ratio	10.4

—United Press.

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 23. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 19, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	101,204,323,420
Total other gold	14,044,153,217
State balance abroad	40,104,100,320
Advances to States	72,300,000,000
Total bills	1,710,300,048,000
Notes in circulation	2,000,289,287,057
Current accounts and deposits	170,000,000,221

—United Press.

## NAMESAKES

Answers: 1. Plymouth, 2. Columbus, 3. Plymouth, 4. Santa Fe, 5. Santa Fe, 6. Santa Fe, 7. Santa Fe, 8. Santa Fe, 9. Santa Fe, 10. Santa Fe.

## In America SUEZ CANAL CRISIS FORCES ISSUE

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 23.

The Suez crisis and West Europe's urgent need for oil is forcing the United States to take a new look at its tanker fleets.

While the special Middle East Emergency Committee (MEEC) maps plans to coordinate critical tanker movements to feed oil to Europe, the US Government and private oil companies are busy with long-range projects aimed at boosting their tonnage potentials.

## Developments

There were three developments last week:

- 1. The US Maritime Administration sanctioned shipping lines' plans to build 27 new tankers and two bulk carriers.
- 2. The Gulf Oil Company announced in Pittsburgh, that an 11-tanker new fleet will about double its original fleet's carrying capacity to almost six million barrels by 1961. Tankers aggregating 330,000 deadweight tons have been ordered, making the programme currently one of the biggest in the oil industry.
- 3. In Venezuela, Standard Oil Co. (NJ) said it will construct over the next five years 14 tankers of 35,000-45,000 tons capacity each. The tanker set-up has been prompted by the Suez crisis, officials said.

One of the biggest tanker-building programmes in the world is being conducted by Stavros S. Niarchos interests. A total of 30 ships are under construction on order, planned around the world, ranging in size up to 100,000 tons.

The total value of these 30 ships is in the neighbourhood of \$15 million. The industry's petroleum Council submitted a report to the Interior Department outlining plans whereby the world tanker fleet would be increased by 20,000,000 tons by the end of 1961. The present capacity is about 43,000,000 tons.

The report is now being considered by high Cabinet and government officials now studying plans to speed tanker construction.

The Council also pointed out that world tanker construction will have to be increased substantially.

## Priorities

The Office of Defence Mobilisation was also expected to announce this week a long-awaited decision that it will give tanker construction priority on hard-to-get steel supplies. Another pending decision will deal with the question of granting the hard-pressed steel industry special tax write-offs in order to boost expansion and production of critical items.

The problem of tanker priorities is considered a difficult one for government authorities. Any concessions granted to the tanker or the steel industries might prompt similar demands from other industries such as pipeline and railway cars.

Right now there is a big shortage of steel, notably of plates, and construction items. The shortage of heavy plate is running about 20 per cent. And some say this might soon run to about 50 per cent. Elsewhere on the oilfront last week, industry leaders talked more of a possible increase in crude oil prices. Higher exploitation and operating costs might spur this price increase, according to the president of the Continental Oil Company. It has been expected some kind of a price movement for some weeks now in view of the world shortage of crude and the continued tie-up in the Suez Canal.

## Potential Threat

The failure of the State of Texas last week to set up production allowances for January was viewed by the Journal of Commerce as a potential threat to the US oil lift to Europe. This trade daily notes that "every day of delay on the part of Texas in setting January output levels will

## JAPANESE FIRMS LICENSED

Manila, Dec. 23.

Japanese firms may now be licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission to do business in the Philippines, it was announced last Friday.

In a ruling handed down Friday Justice Pedro Tasson said the Corporation Law does not prohibit enemy or former enemy corporations from doing business in the PI.

"I am not aware of any municipal statute or executive order at present in force which does so," Mr. Tasson said.

"Accordingly," he added, "in view of the ratification and coming into effect of the treaty of peace with Japan and there being no municipal law which prohibits it, I believe there is no legal objection to the licensing of corporations organised under Japanese laws."

Mr. Tasson's opinion was interpreted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to mean complete restoration of trade relations that existed between Japan and the PI before the war.—United Press.

## Irritable

"Many oil company production officials countered West Texas oilmen's claims that shippers of US crude to Europe ought to withdraw more from storage, before the allowances are lifted."

"They said the stocks must be made up sooner or later. If output is not lifted pipeline capacity will go down and available port supplies will be reduced."

A higher price for crude could put independent refiners in a price squeeze, and the oil-for-Europe programme has been roundly criticised on this account. American refiners feel they might not be able to recover any price increase in crude through the sales of refined products, mainly petrol, stocks of which are mounting and show no signs of dwindling.

With Europe suffering from a shortage of petrol and with prices higher there, American refiners are openly puzzled as to why they cannot sell off some of their surplus stocks abroad.

So far petrol exports to Europe have been negligible. As of December 5, only about 40,000 barrels a day have been moving to Europe from the Gulf Coast, compared to about 350,000 barrels of crude and over 200,000 barrels of distillate from the same source each day.

Reports here emphasise the growing irritability of American oilmen with the British increase in petrol tariff from 35 to 49 cents a gallon. France has not changed its import duty. Some exception is taken to the explanation given by the British Government for its tariff increase.

As an aftermath of the Suez closedown and the European unrest in Hungary and Poland, some observers are now looking for a step-up in the US farm export programme. The Wall Street Journal, for example, said that Europe will be spending its dollars more and more for oil and other essentials, thus draining away funds normally spent for food and other commodities.

## Will Inci ase

The Financial Daily anticipates that American officials may therefore expand battle decisions and sales for direct foreign dollar purchases for US sales of farm commodities are brightened by a number of other factors working in favour of US exporters. For one thing, American shippers would have the advantage of lower transatlantic costs compared to other exporters who must defer around Africa now that the Suez is closed.

So far, July-October shipments of US farm products are 30 per cent above last year's pace. Predictions are that this year's exports will be 25 per cent above last year's. The Wall Street Journal says that the US farm export programme will be a major factor in the US trade balance with Europe.

## Pakistan's Quarterly Deficit

Karachi, Dec. 23.

Pakistan's balance of payments for the quarter for July-September, 1956, showed a deficit of Rs. 150,180,000, according to the Ministry of Finance statement issued here. It said the deficit was mainly due to a seasonal decline in the volume of exports and a substantial increase in imports.

Exports of raw jute worth Rs. 120,700,000 and jute manufactures worth Rs. 20,210,000 accounted for about half the total of foreign exchange earnings from exports.

Value of cotton manufactures exports showed an improvement. This amounted to Rs. 10,790,000 compared with Rs. 10,430,000 for the period April-June, 1956.

At the end of this period Pakistan had a surplus of Rs. 870,000 with Continental OPEC countries. There was a surplus with Japan of Rs. 10,780,000. In the dollar area there was a deficit of Rs. 30,070,000 due mainly to reduced imports. The deficit with the United Kingdom was Rs. 140,030,000.

Gold, dollar and sterling reserves fell by Rs. 120,340,000, but nevertheless the end of the first three quarters of this year showed a net increase in reserves of Rs. 110,480,000 over the balance at the end of last year.—China Mail Special.

## CHINA GLASS SALES

Tokyo, Dec. 23. China is making serious inroads into Japanese sheet glass sales to Burma, industry sources said today.

Japan's sheet glass exports to Burma last year totalled about 30,000 cases, sources said, but 40 for this year only fifty cases have been shipped.—United Press.

## New Plant Helps End Fog Menace

Helping to reduce "smog" is not the only way in which Britain's new smokeless fuel plant at Wingerworth, near Chesterfield (Derbyshire), will make its benefits felt. From this newly opened £10,500,000 installation—which took four years to construct and is the first of its type in the world—comes daily 14,000,000 cubic feet of gas for the East Midlands and 1,400 tons of coke for domestic consumption.

The coal at Wingerworth is treated in such a way that the resultant solid residue, used in the correct appliances, gives a heating efficiency of nearly 80 per cent. Coal in home grates is estimated to give between seven and 14 per cent. The coke being produced meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the gases usually discharged when coal is burnt are turned at the plant into tar, benzole and important chemicals for industry. The coal carbonised in the ovens provides all the power required to operate the plant, which is thus self-sufficient.

Mr. Aubrey Jones, Minister of Fuel and Power, said at the opening that the Clean Air Act was not only aimed at doing away with "smog" but would help to secure economy and efficiency in the use of fuel. Even with a rising output of coal in general, large coal, used for the old-fashioned open fire which caused smoky air, was becoming scarcer. This made it important to use modern open fires burning smaller coal and smokeless fuel.

## WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

New York, Dec. 23.

The local cotton goods market last week completed the third month of extremely quiet dealings.

Market experts went home for the Christmas holidays resigned to the idea that the fourth quarter lull may extend through mid-January, or until completion of the inventory-taking activities.

Hard fibres featured a softening trend in burip while hemp and sisal prices strengthened.

In synthetic fibres, prices were firm as nylon, dacron, polyester fibre and acetate filament yarn prices were increased.—United Press.

New York, Dec. 23. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-57 season to Dec. 18 were as follows:

Britain	305,101
Continental	1,197,844
Orient	951,784
China	430,963
Total for season*	2,225,192
Same period last year	600,529

\*excluding India.—United Press.

## London Market Fluctuates

London, Dec. 23.

For sheer eccentricity this past week has not been surpassed in 1956. The textbooks say that the function of the market is to give us a picture of the economic faith some allowance for current politics, but this has proved difficult to do.

The Government put an extra tax on petrol to discourage use of motor cars but it then turned around and dropped the three shillings on the hire-purchase of motor cars. The week started with a shortage of tankers to carry fuel oil and petrol and ended with a shortage of fuel oil and petrol for the tankers to carry.

## Improved Little

Finally came the astonishing behaviour of Lancashire Cotton which was formed many years ago by the Bank of England amalgamating a lot of cotton companies to help reduce Lancashire's chronic disorder to something like order—jumped the dividend up from the traditional 12 1/2 per cent to 17 1/2. This at a time when earnings had improved only a little.

Industrials—except for Lancashire Cotton with its jump of 5s. 3d.—advanced rather conservatively. But in general the well-known industrials seldom rose—or fell—more than a shilling. Turnover was small. Oils were disorderly from start to finish. There was a fair demand for the Royal Dutch-Shell group which lifted Royal Dutch some 10s. 6d. But British Petroleum rose 2s. 6d.

## Prosperous Future

Old Consols and "Dallons" gained 15s and War Loan 11s 3d. Demand for Bethlehem Steel on its prosperous future in ever-prosperous USA and this lifted the price some 8 points to 263 points—peak this year is 270—but other stocks with notably good followings lost ground. However, in general the demand for American stocks increased last week, lifting the premium from 5 per cent to 7 1/2 per cent.—United Press.

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## Year-End Rally On Wall Street

New York, Dec. 23.

Stocks set off on a vigorous year-end rally in the final session of the past week after four days of irregularity.

The net result for the week was a rise of 2.30 points in the industrial average which closed at 494.38, a decline of 1.54 to 492.84 in the rail, and a rise of utilities at 67.06.

Last week the market ran into trouble each time the industrials got close to the 500 mark.

Wall Street experts believed the time was near for an attempted break-through of the 500 figure with a vigorous year-end rally.

The Friday rally came when tax selling lightened and year-end reinvestment was stepped up. It was helped along by short covering in advance of the four-day market holiday.

## Trading Light

Trading was light when prices were in a decline and it picked up on the late recovery but not enough to improve over the previous week. Sales averaged 2,252,915 shares daily against 2,362,209 daily in the preceding week.

Business news continued favourable with most lines

operating around their record levels. Some dipped as plans were closing for the long holiday. Growing predictions were made on the coming year's prospects. Record output is forecast with profit margins somewhat shrunken.

Wall Street regards the current price picture as inflationary and as such a sustaining influence on the stock market.

## Steels Higher

There were 1,417 issues traded last week, exactly the same as in the previous week and only less than the total for a year ago. Of the 1,417 this past week, 507 advanced, 745 declined and 165 were unchanged. A total of 68 stocks made new highs while 207 made new lows.

Steel issues were higher in most instances, featured by the volatile Lukens which netted 10 points. Autos declined. Oils were mixed and so were rails. Gains were noted in sugar, chemicals, cements and alcohols. Many special issues were down.—United Press.

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